



CITY OF  
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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2013** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Hales, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Novick and Saltzman, 5. Commissioner Novick left at 12:10 p.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Ben Walters, Chief Deputy City Attorney; and Mike Cohen, Sergeant at Arms.

Item No. 721 was pulled for discussion and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>Disposition:</b>
<b>709</b> Request of A. Rios Sr. to address Council regarding year-round shelter for women (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>710</b> Request of Chere Bentley to address Council regarding year-round shelter for women (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>711</b> Request of Glenn Kirkindall to address Council regarding violence towards women, opening shelters, provide childcare and public jobs (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>712</b> Request of Jeanae Duby to address Council regarding homeless women's safety and adding more safe shelter (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>713</b> Request of Shasta Smith to address Council regarding a year-round shelter for women (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>TIMES CERTAIN</b>	
<b>*714</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM</b> – Authorize grant agreements and Intergovernmental Agreements with twelve non-profit and public entities related to the Community Watershed Stewardship Program (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Fish) 20 minutes requested (Y-5)	<b>186169</b>

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<p><b>*715</b>    <b>TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM</b> – Authorize Mayor to enter into a collaborative agreement between the City, Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform (AMA Coalition), and the United States to clarify and strengthen a proposed Settlement Agreement related to police interactions with people experiencing mental illness (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Hales) 45 minutes requested</p> <p>(Y-4; Novick absent)</p>	<p><b>186170</b></p>
<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b></p>	
<p><b>Mayor Charlie Hales</b></p>	
<p><b>Bureau of Planning &amp; Sustainability</b></p>	
<p><b>*716</b>    Authorize application to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development for a Periodic Review Grant in the amount of \$80,000 (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>186163</b></p>
<p><b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p>	
<p><b>*717</b>    Pay claim of Terry Kotz in the sum of \$26,599 involving Bureau of Environmental Services (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>186164</b></p>
<p><b>718</b>    Grant a franchise to WCI Cable, Inc. for telecommunications services, for a period of ten years (Second Reading Agenda 587)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>186165</b></p>
<p><b>719</b>    Grant a franchise to SFPP, Inc. for a period of 20 years to use the right of way to provide pipeline services (Second Reading Agenda 588)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>186166</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</b></p>	
<p><b>Position No. 3</b></p>	
<p><b>Portland Housing Bureau</b></p>	
<p><b>720</b>    Certify Nonprofit Corporation Low Income Housing Tax Exemptions to County Assessor according to City Code Chapter 3.101 (Resolution)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>37025</b></p>
<p><b>*721</b>    Authorize twenty subrecipient contracts totaling \$15,768,128 for the provision of services in support of ending homelessness and providing affordable housing (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>186168</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Nick Fish</b></p>	
<p><b>Position No. 2</b></p>	
<p><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p>	

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<p>722 Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services to execute Intergovernmental Agreements for the continued implementation of the Innovative Wet Weather Program, not to exceed in aggregate \$300,000 (Second Reading Agenda 701)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>186167</b></p>	
<p><b>City Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade</b></p> <p>723 Amend the Regulation of Lobbying Entities code for bureau additions and technical updates (Ordinance; amend Code Chapter 2.12)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 31, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>	
<p><b>REGULAR AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>Mayor Charlie Hales</b></p> <p><b>Bureau of Police</b></p> <p>*724 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to reimburse Police Bureau overtime costs up to \$15,000 for education and enforcement efforts to reduce alcohol service to visibly intoxicated persons and service to minors at Portland bars and nightclubs (Ordinance)</p>		<p><b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION</b></p>
<p><b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p> <p>725 Amend City of Portland Accounting Administrative Rule ARC-FIN-6.04 - Accounts Receivable to reflect best practices and update names of the appropriate bureaus (Resolution) 10 minutes requested</p>	<p><b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION</b></p>	
<p><b>Commissioner Steve Novick</b></p> <p><b>Position No. 4</b></p> <p><b>Bureau of Transportation</b></p> <p>*726 Accept a grant from Portland Development Commission for \$3,000,000 and authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement for the construction of the Killingsworth Phase II project (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4; Novick absent)</p>		<p><b>186171</b></p>

At 1:00 p.m., Council adjourned.

LAVONNE GRIFFIN-VALADE  
Auditor of the City of Portland



By Karla Moore-Love  
Clerk of the Council

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**WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, JULY 24, 2013**

**DUE TO LACK OF AN AGENDA  
THERE WAS NO MEETING**

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**JULY 24, 2013      9:30 AM**

**Hales:** Good morning, everybody. Welcome to the July 24 meeting of the Portland city council. We have a couple of fun announcements, and proclamations this morning, before we start the official business. First, up in the balcony I want to welcome 24 students from the Ulsan in Korea, which is our sister city, and they are here for a three-week leadership program. Welcome. These students were funded by a scholarship to be here and participate in this program. We hope they really enjoy Portland. We hope you learn a lot, and we hope that you give us some good ideas for how to make our cities better. So, welcome to Portland. Thanks for coming.

**Hales:** Good morning. [applause]

**Hales:** And now we have a team from our team. The timbers here this morning. So, welcome. We have, we have a proclamation here, and, but we have, of course, timber Joey and Christa and, Becky Blumer, the executive director of Hands On Greater Portland. So, welcome the three of you, and why don't I read the Proclamation and we'll turn it over to you to talk about, about this program and how it's going to work. Whereas the city of Portland is proud to be home to the Portland Timbers and the Portland Thorns, our professional soccer teams, and whereas the Timbers and Thorns are committed to giving back to our community. And whereas the city of Portland is proud to partner with the Timbers and Thorns in organizing stands together, and a week of community service from August 4th through August 10th, and whereas close to 1,000 stand together volunteers, including Timbers and Thorns players, Timbers Army, coaches, and ambassadors and staff and community members will come together for week of service, and whereas, stand-together volunteers will participate in over 30 community events and projects throughout Portland, and whereas community service projects will include building homes, tending gardens, and restoring local parks, pulling ivy, and painting schools, and more. And whereas stand together will support local mission driven nonprofits, including AC Portland, Portland Youth Builders, Friends of Trees, and Hands-On Greater Portland, among others, and whereas stand together week is a call to action, by the city, by the Timbers and our community partners to inspire people to give back through community service. Now, therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the City of Roses do hereby proclaim August 4-10, 2013 to be Portland Timbers Stand Together Week in Portland, and encourage all residents to join in this week of service to our community. Thank you. Congratulations. [applause] so tell us how this is going to work and how people can get involved.

**Christa Thoresz:** Absolutely. We are, as you said, creating volunteer opportunities for anyone in the community to come free of charge to volunteer with players, with timber Joey and our former players and the thorns players, and all throughout the city, like to said, with a bunch of types of projects. Like you will talk bit more about exactly what that is, and how many projects and what that will look like. But, we're really excited to be able to creating some that, that engages people in the community, and actually increases volunteerism throughout the city, it's really important to us as a club, and especially because we've been so fortunate to get so much from the city, and we're so supportive, so we really wanted to thank you for the opportunity for the proclamation, for the partnership, and thanks to hands-on, and our partners, as well, for making this happen. Thanks for having us.

**Hales:** Great. Thanks, Christa.

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**Timber Joey:** This is a really awesome opportunity. This is what I get sent out to do throughout the whole year And, and I get to help people and be a volunteer at different places, and it's the one time that we, actually, get the players more involved and they are involved in a group. And, and people come out from all over the city, and not only hang out with the players, but, actually, do good with the city, too. And, and so, we'll be painting like you said, pulling weeds, pulling ivy, and helping out in gardens, and, and it's a lot of fun, and I hope that, that everybody in the community wants to get involved and comes out and helps us. It's great.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Becky Blumer:** Becky Blumer, Executive Director, Hands on Portland. We have 27 projects going from running from Saturday to Saturday, and they also focus on youth and the environment. And there is still opportunities available, and to find a project, you can visit [handsonPortland.org](http://handsonPortland.org), and family friend, and all ages and abilities, and if you have any questions, you can give us a call.

**Hales:** So we just go to that website, [handsonPortland.org](http://handsonPortland.org). And we can put a link on our website so people get involved.

**Blumer:** Fantastic.

**Hales:** That's something that we can do to add to the effort. We're all fans of the timbers and thorns here at this table. But there is one of us who is clearly the most avid, almost rabid fan, and that's --

**Fish:** We're going to have a smackdown here between the two of these.

**Fish:** I defer to my Colleagues but let's recognize commissioner Fritz first. [laughter]

**Hales:** Ok, well, we'll have to have a contest. I think, at some point.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Ok.

**Fritz:** I paid to watch the thorns stream from England, and it is more expensive, and it was a great thing. Thank you very much, and I'm so happy that you are here, and for the proclamation, and indeed, this is what sets the thorns and the timbers apart from, I think, fans anywhere else in the country, and anywhere else in the world. And is this dedication to our community, and to being a part of the community, being a valued participant in our community and teaming with everybody in Portland and greater Portland so thanks to Hands on Greater Portland, which has for many years, set the standard for allowing people to just show up and volunteer, and have quite different options for that, all year-round. So, Hands-on Greater Portland.

**Blumer:** [HandsonPortland.org](http://HandsonPortland.org).

**Fritz:** That's where you can find where to volunteer at the food bank, and there is all kinds of opportunities. Don't have to be able to pull it all off.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Every day of the week.

**Fritz:** So there is things that people can do sitting down or whatever, so, I am very excited about this opportunity, and I will be looking to see how many I can attend during that week. Thank you for being here.

**Blumer:** Thank you.

**Fish:** Thank you for issuing the proclamation, and it's really exciting. And something Christa told me before this morning, which she will not be announcing publicly, is that, that the players will be salted into many of these events. So while I won't say that, there are chances that, that there might be a player who, who shows up, and congratulations, by the way. I see made the cover of Willamette Week, by the way. The greatest American striker, or second greatest on the cover. And I want to thank Christa for all the support that the timbers have given our community. I don't think that people fully appreciate the many different ways that they do. But, Amanda the new parks commissioner, and she and I know that the timbers have invested in new ball fields for kids throughout the community, including Parkrose. So, we're very, very appreciative of that. The timbers were, were very supportive of Harper's playground. A playground for children of all abilities. The list goes on and on and on. So, thank you for that. And I want to thank Hands-on Greater Portland. The last time I signed up for a project was when a local school was damaged by a fire. And as part of the

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rehab of that, you took the lead, and you mobilized hundreds of volunteers, and we, we, actually, set up a new, a replacement school, and we painted and got it online and it did the landscaping. And you are literally the way that organizations, mission driven nonprofit and is people find each other, and you do it electronically, and I would encourage people weekly to go online and see what's happening in your community, and it's as easy as going to the website, handsonPortland.org. And finding something that you want to do, and then signing up. And what I also love about the programs when you get there, there is a team leader that knows you are going to be there, and gives an assignment, so, it's very efficient in terms of the time so mayor, thank you for issuing the proclamation and, and I am so proud of the work of our partners, and I did see timber joey earlier with his chainsaw trying to take down a tree in front of the building. But, he was admonished. But, thank you all for the great work.

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you. [applause]

**Hales:** You have not seen timber joey on the dance floor and I have. [laughter]

**Hales:** Should we do a photo while you are here?

**Hales:** Now, would you proceed to call the roll and we'll start the regular agenda.

**Saltzman:** Here. **Novick:** Here. **Fritz:** Here. **Fish:** Here.

**Hales:** Here. We have some items up front.

**Item 709.**

**Hales:** Good morning, and welcome. [applause]

**A. Rios Sr.:** I am a. Rios sr., and for Just a moment I would like everybody to stand up for a moment of silence. The moment of silence is for all the homeless throughout the world, that we have lost, both men, women, children, and from whatever it is. From the poverty to homelessness, no food or nurture, you know. Anything that you can think of. But -- thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Rios:** So today i'm here to talk to you about a year long shelter for women. Yes, I am a man. I am here advocating for women. My mom is a woman. Your mom is a woman. But, we also have to look at it. There is our moms, our daughters, our aunts, cousins, nieces on the streets that need this help. We have heard too many problems out here on the streets. We advocate every day. From, from young, old, new folks that come out to the streets from different cities, and we know it's a problem. And also, they have to, to find a place that's going to be safe and secure. And we need the help from, from, charlie, not commissioner hales or mayor, but charlie, you know. I have talked to amanda Fritz, I haven't gotten to talk to nick Fish or dan Saltzman or steve novick as much, but still, need to understand, I am a man up here, and looking for that safe place. We need the help. You have got to understand that, that you have a lot of women in here that stay at right to dream 2. If close them, where do they go? I'm here in solidarity with them, and they are in solidarity with us. But, we have to sit down at the table. And we need to do it soon. Winter is coming. There is too many empty buildings. We need to talk and we need to talk soon. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you. Appreciate your advocacy. [applause]

**Item 710.**

**Hales:** Miss bentley, are you hear in let's call her later if she's outside.

**Item 711.**

**Hales:** Anyone here? Ok. Again, call again if -- oh, here he is. Good morning. [applause]

**Glenn Kirkindall:** Thank you, city council. Mayor, for allowing me to be here. I am glenn kirkindall. I work with the [inaudible], and I am also a member of the united food and worker's union, local 555, and I am here to support the year-round shelter for women because in our society, we are rides by the way women are treated. What happened yesterday is big, especially when the city closes down schools, closes down buildings, and does not make the buildings available for the homeless in this community. I think, also, we should not use homeless for this, this is city property. I am a taxpayer. Let's open up the empty buildings.

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**Hales:** Thank you very much and thanks for coming. [applause]

**Item 712.**

**Hales:** Ok. Jeanae here? Ok. And let's go to the last one and circle back and see if chere bentley has arrived.

**Item 713.**

**Hales:** Good morning.

**Shasta Smith:** Good morning. [applause] I have something to read. There are not many homeless women in comparison to men. Reality, women drug transgender women are vulnerable on the streets, [inaudible] people continue to stay with abusers, and due to lack of options, [inaudible] or harassment going into great lengths to hide the homelessness due to being targeted of a predator. 50% women have chances of sexual assault for the first night living on the streets. Due to the above factors many methods of homelessness, one-night counts are not indicating the number of women unsafe and unsheltered. Number two, there are more shelters than services for women. There are fewer homeless shelters for women than men. While there are a number of shelters for men in Portland, there is only one emergency shelter for women. And the shelters are growing on a waiting list. Myth number three, a woman or any domestic violence survivor is in danger, will be guaranteed Safety. Reality, domestic violence shelters are almost always full. One in Portland shut down, there are occasionally hotel vouchers available but more than often not. And there are no shelters, options available for survivors ready to flee from their abusers. Myth number four, women with children, homeless and the domestic violence situations automatically receive shelter or hotel vouchers, and families are frequently turned away from services due to lack of space for children of their age, what i'm asking you is for, for we need shelter space for women. The women out here are being targeted no matter what, you have a lot of empty buildings, and just give us one. And we have volunteers that are willing to go in there, and advocate, and sit with them, so, they are not going to be abused.

**Hales:** Thank you very much, thanks.

**Hales:** Let's make sure that chere bentley, did she arrive? Chere bentley? I know commissioner Saltzman wanted to respond but I wanted to make sure if she arrived we give her a chance, but doesn't look like it, so dan, please.

**Saltzman:** Thank you, as housing commissioner I share many of the concerns you raised about safe housing for women. As you mentioned, women are particularly a vulnerable population, and the most recent homeless count indicated a jump in the number of homeless women in Portland. This -- the concerns you have Express this morning are shared by me. And I have been working with the housing bureau on specific proposals to add more year-round shelter and other housing options for women. I expect to be adding more housing for women before the end of the year. So, thank you for this.

**Hales:** Thank you, dan, for working on that and thank you all. [applause]

**Fritz:** I missed the last two city council hearings because I was in England visiting my mother. And I had the opportunity to walk for an hour in London, which is a city of 8.3 million people. I saw two people living outside, and there are fewer people in the entire United Kingdom living outside than in the city of Portland. And the taxes are higher, they get more support from the federal government for people who are out of work, and who are needing housing. And we have got to recognize that this is a national issue. That we cannot solve here in Portland. However, as commissioner Saltzman has said, we share the urgency of finding more safe shelter for women. I am, also, very interested in finding options for the right to dream 2 model. And to see how we can do that, so, I, personally, am also very committed to supporting commissioner Saltzman and to talking with Mayor Adams and to working with all the members of The Council because we agree that this is an urgent crisis that we all need to work together on. So I appreciate the cooperative ways that you have been coming to council to share the facts. Thank you for myth versus reality. That's really helpful for

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people to know. And it's helpful for them to see for, for us to see and the people on tv, to see you here as real people with names and faces and lives and hearts and minds and guts. And so, thank you very much for what you are doing in highlighting this issue and also being willing to work with us on it. I know from the nods that you recognize that we have been trying really hard, and later today on the council agenda, we'll be hearing about \$15 million in grants to help supported people experiencing homelessness. So, it's not that we have not been doing anything. I think that the challenges are so great that we cannot solve them all. But, we're going to keep trying, and keep solving more and more day by day and week by week. Thank you very much for being here.

**Hales:** Thank you. [applause]

**Hales:** Thanks very much. And thank you both.

**Hales:** ok. We are ready to move to our consent calendar. I don't believe that we have any, any items that have been pulled from the consent Calendar?

**Moore-Love:** 721 being pulled.

**Saltzman:** I would like to pull that for the regular agenda.

**Hales:** Ok. Yes. That's right, sorry, I forgot that. The balance of the consent calendar then, no other requests. Let's take a roll call on the balance of the agenda.

**Saltzman:** Aye. **Novick:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye. **Fish:** Aye.

**Hales:** Aye. [gavel pounded]

**Hales:** And would you like to take that now or wait until the end of the calendar?

**Saltzman:** We can take it now.

**Hales:** Let's take it now. Take item 721 now, then, if we are ready to proceed with that.

**Item 721.**

**Saltzman:** Thank you, mayor, this is a significant investment in services to address homelessness in our city. And the Portland city council, by approving this today, is making a significant commitment. The item before us this morning provides more than 15 million to our community partners, to provide a variety of different services to address homelessness and provide affordable housing. The specific funding allocation was approved by the council during our fiscal 2013-2014 budget process, and I would like to invite daniel and sally from the Portland housing bureau to give a short overview of some of the investments that we are Magnitude.

**Hales:** Good morning.

**Saltzman:** Daniel.

**Daniel Ledezma, Portland Housing Bureau:** my name is Daniel, and I am from the Portland housing bureau, and on behalf of our director, traci manning, who is at a national conference about ending homelessness in Washington, we want to first extend our thanks to the entire council for your support our work at the housing bureau, and particular, this year's budget, like commissioner Saltzman said, this set of contracts is an extension of the work that we did with you together. And in the budget. And, and what we're doing is we're authorizing the removal of contracts with our high performing partners in the community, and totaling 15.7 million, and this is, like plenty of you know, our budget comprises of more than general funds but also federal funds so this is a mix of funding, including general funds, tax increment financing, and cdbg, and the federal healthy homes production grant. And the contracts support the work of three of our priorities. The first being moving people quickly from homelessness to permanent housing. While preventing families -- well, while preventing families from losing their homes. And the second is helping Portlanders from communities of color buy a home, or keep the home that they already own, and provide a safety net that includes shelter, and other short-term help for Portlanders who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. And we believe at the housing bureau, working with our partners, that there is a wide array of interventions that we want to make sure that we work to and what we support to ensure that folks not only have a place to sleep at night, but also, access the opportunities of our great city and, and, you will see a wide spectrum of different types of work here in addition to the

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work around ending homelessness. And so, I will highlight a few of those other contracts and sally erickson, who is our manager of our ending homelessness team, will talk about those. We're funding six contracts that meet our goal under our third investment priority, which is helping Portlanders from communities of color buy a home or keep the home that they are in. And we are funding a collaborative of culturally specific organizations to provide home ownership counseling to 700 households. And we are funding four organizations to provide home repair, weatherization, and homeownership retention services, to over 1300 households, we are serving low income homeowners who are able to, who are able to access their resources to remove lead, lead paint and, and mold, and really fire safety issues in their homes, and access funding that wouldn't otherwise be available, and additionally, this, this set of, of contracts also represents passing through the community development block grants to the Portland development commission, And to support the economic prosperity program, and their program will serve over 1,170 individuals, including microenterprise development and, and adult, adult and use workforce development getting use and low income adults trained and ready for work, and connecting them with jobs, which we know has a critical connection to being able to support housing. And then, we also have, have one contract that, that is, is, is working with a nonprofit provider who, who works with housing developers to, to provide technical assistance so that they can finance and develop affordable homes that are needed in our community. So, I am going to turn it over to sally erickson now.

**Sally Erickson, Portland Housing Bureau:** Hi, I am sally erickson, and I lead the housing access and stabilization team at the Portland housing bureau. And I want to highlight the contracts that our bureau holds and manages that support our community's plan to address homelessness. That plan, a home for everyone, which city council, the county commission, and home forward approved earlier this spring, and currently underway and being implemented, and part of the way that we implement that through the contracts, and I and my staff go after every possible federal dollar for housing of services to bring additional funding to this community beyond what the city is able to provide through general funds. And, and as Daniel mentioned, some of these contracts supported our, our bureau's Plan, as well as a home for everyone, our community's plan and, and using both federal and local funding, we're providing services in four major ways. Through homelessness prevention, which is the most cost effective way to, to reduce homelessness and ultimately end it, through support of housing for people with disabling conditions, families and individuals, and through emergency services like winter shelter, and severe weather shelter, youth shelter and shelter for men and women, and also, access services like 2-1-1 information, and the benefits eligibility specialist team, the street roots resource guide. And under the, the prevention category, more than 3 million would be going out to, to a variety of organizations and, and that provide short-term rent assistance, to prevent eviction and to help move people quickly from the streets and emergency shelters into homes. And, and the, the programs that we fund are, are tremendously effective and after more than 12 months, more than 80% of households are still in housing, so it's a, a nationally recognized approach to ending homelessness in our community. And supportive housing is critical for people with permanent disabling conditions like major health conditions, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and as well as hiv and aids. And as well as people with mental health conditions. We fund 6 million of supportive housing programs providing by cascade aids project, behavioral health, central city concern, Join and others. In emergency services, our community and the city directs nearly 4 million to emergency shelter for youth, women, and men. And that includes year-round shelter as well as winter shelter and severe weather shelter that we call during the winter when, when it gets particularly cold outside. And finally, our access services are key for people to, to, to get connected with the resources that are available, so through 2-1-1 information, which is a great partner in the community, the street route resource guide, tenant education programs, and we're hoping to connect people with low income and homeless, with services that are available in the community. So, that's the overview. And we're available for any questions.

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**Saltzman:** Thank you, Daniel and sally.

**Hales:** Questions from council?

**Fish:** I have a couple. Excellent presentation as always. And sally, remind us, what's the relative percentage of federal dollars versus local dollars that we invest in, in ending homelessness, and to, to, to underscore the point, what I really want to get at is, is the level of local support for the effort because we're seeing a reduction in our federal dollars. And so, just ballpark, do you know the percentage?

**Erickson:** Ballpark, about a third of funds for ending homelessness programs, and are from federal Sources and, and the remainder are the local general fund.

**Fish:** Right, and the reason, mayor, I think that's important to highlight, is that correct is that we would not be making progress in getting people into permanent homes and if we were not using local funds, but the reality is, is this is a national problem, and as commissioner Fritz noted, in most other, other civilized countries, there is a strong federal policy where dollars are made available, localities to house victims of domestic violence, and veterans who have come back from war and need helping hand and, and increasingly, the way it works is the federal government cutting back, and local government is having to pick up the slack. And I think it's also worth noting in this year's budget, the, the only bureau that got 100% of what they asked for was the housing bureau. So, the city is investing a lot of taxpayer money in this and, and the federal government's reduction in funding means that we're going to have to add more money just to stay even, and long-term, that's not stable. That's not a sustainable path. The other thing that I want to acknowledge, is that we talk about a ten-year plan to end homelessness. And, and sally erickson is nationally recognized for the work that she and her team are doing to address this crisis. We did not choose that phrase. In fact, if I had the power we would take the ten-year plan to end homelessness out of the vocabulary, and it was, in fact, the federal government that required as a condition of receiving federal funds, that cities and counties establish ten-year plans, and I want to be very clear. Today there are 50,000 unsheltered people in los angeles. And almost as many unsheltered people in new york. And we are not going to end homelessness in ten years. As long as we have an economy that is increasingly putting people out of work, as long as we have a crisis where we're seeing foreclosures putting people on the street, as long as we don't have the services to provide women in need in distress, we will see more homelessness. And I want people to be clear, we did not come up with the idea of a ten-year plan. And to end homelessness, and I think that, that it borders on false advertising to say that in ten years, we can end homelessness. But, through sally's work and a community-based plan, we have over the last eight years, moved 7,000 from the street, and they say they are still homeless and you failed, and I would say no. Those are 7,000 human beings that have a roof over their head because of this plan, and this plan has the potential to continue to make progress, but clearly, clearly, without a, a strong federal partner you, we cannot solve this problem alone. And it is, it is -- I don't know if you saw the newspaper today, but, the republicans in congress Are now proposing if the president does not withdraw obama care, to further gut the social safety net in this country. So, to get health care reform, they are holding hostage, programs for people, and that's where the outrage should be focused. Not on communities that are stepping up and using local tax dollars to if I am the gap. They should be outrage at federal priorities which result in a retreat in supporting programs likening homelessness, and if you want to know the math, just remember, it cost us as federal taxpayers 100 billion a year in foregone revenue through the mortgage interest deduction. Which is the largest subsidy of middle class people in their homes, and we spend, as a nation, less than \$50 billion to address housing. Less than \$50 billion to address the housing needs our entire country. Yet, we give \$100 billion subsidy to people who own homes. That's where people should be focused. Not on local governments like Multnomah county and the city of Portland that are doing their very best with limited resources to address this problem. And mayor, again, I thank you for prior advertising housing in your budget. The only bureau that got 100% of the add package.

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**Hales:** Thank you. So, other questions or comments from council at this point? A great presentation, and thank you very much. And do you have folks signed up to testify?

**Moore-Love:** I have at least three. Come on up.

**Hales:** Good morning. [applause]

**Joe Walsh:** my name is joe walsh, and I represent individuals for justice. I take great exception to what you just said, commissioner Fish. We cannot change the federal government. But you can change the way that you do business. And you do business really in a crappy way. [applause]

**Walsh:** You pat yourself on the back. By spending \$15 million on homeless, the homeless problem. The homeless problem in Portland, like every other city, the money that you allocated to, was absorbed by administrations. And there is nobody here that tell what the percentage that you spent of that 15 million on administration salaries, benefits, you have this great presentation today, and with two top leaders. And, and one, was on the junket. Pay for, for by your 15 million. Is, I ask you, why, why do not set up a committee that includes the homeless. [applause] this is not new. We've been asking this for a long time. If you want to fight a fire, you ask a fireman. If you want to find out about the police, you ask the chief. If you want to know about homeless, ask the damn homeless. [applause]

**Walsh:** In your \$15 million, you are Giving Multnomah county a million dollars. Can someone explain to me why? The city would give Multnomah county a million dollars under the homeless bill when they have more money than we do? They brag about, about how their budget is, is flush with money. But, you are giving them a million dollars for what? Can anybody answer me in that? To lock people up, that's why. Would answer me that, amanda? Why are we giving Multnomah county a million dollars? For what?

**Hales:** Finish your statement and we'll direct you to people who can answer your questions.

**Walsh:** Of course you don't want to answer anything, charlie, that's your style. This \$15 million should be doubled. If you have one person on the street, that ran off the streets yesterday, at 7:00 in the morning, that's what you did. You said, we have to clean the streets. And you ran everybody off around the council because your business -- you said, [inaudible], you know what we're going to do, starting next week we're going to stand in front of the front with signs saying, these faces don't care about the homeless, and you watch the phone calls that you get, charlie because every week we're going to do it. Thank you. [applause]

**Hales:** Mr. Walsh if you want answers to your questions, including what funds were used to send the director of the Bureau to Washington for a national meeting, which were not these funds, or -- hang on, i'm answering your question. Never mind, if you are not interested in the facts, there are people here who are willing to give them to you. They are here from the housing bureau and they can tell the percentage of overhead and each those programs, if you actually want to know that.

**Walsh:** Right, but let them -- those programs allocate funds for other programs that allocate funds for other programs, and every one of those programs has an overhead. That's the figure that I want to know, I want to know when you get down to the person on the street, who needs the money, how much percentage do we give them?

**Hales:** I think that you can find that out from asking the staff here. Ok, go ahead, lightning. Go ahead.

**Lightning:** I am lightning. Housing is the solution. I have one issue here, that I do have problem with. In front of the city hall. Do not create a smear campaign against the homeless. It will not benefit anybody in this city. It benefits nobody. To improve the lives of the homeless, needs to be the number one concern, the number one priority, and not creating a smear campaign to push people down. It does not benefit anybody in this city. I commend Portland housing bureau for the funding that they are doing today. I will not go against that. We need more funding. And it has been stated

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**Hales:** Sir, you need to let him finish. Let him finish, please.

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**Lightning:** As far as the comment dana haynes thinks that there was a victory in front of city hall, I absolutely disagree with you. There is no victory. You cannot take people on the sidewalks and try to push them a couple blocks away. It does not solve the solution. We need to find housing for the people out there that want housing. There is a tremendous amount of people that do. And we need to provide the funding, and we need to have one focus and one focus only, improve their lives. Do not create smear campaigns for anybody's benefit. A smear campaign will create backlash. It will fall against everybody in this city. It does not work. The homeless need to have their lives improved. I am appalled at the media out there going along with in. You have the option, and I have talked with many of, you don't have to do a story that smears the homeless. It does not benefit the news crews. It does not benefit. And it does not benefit the city. We need to uplift the people currently sleeping on the sidewalks, that is the number one priority of this city. We need more federal funding. We need more local support, and we need the Portland business alliance to quit trying to create ways to drive them out of this city, and support the homeless. Thank you.

[applause]

**Hales:** Go ahead.

**Mike Moran:** Yeah. I am mike moran. I have a conceptual thing called people's equity union united community better element. The the federal knot needs to be cut. We need to change the federal reserve bank to allocate money base on need and inclusive community betterment, and I mean everybody. You know, it's coming on winter, and how many of you have been homeless? And how many these people that were testifying, you know, the, you the overweight women coming in, and all dress up like a party.

**Hales:** Let's not characterize that.

**Moran:** That's who they are, but you don't know anything.

**Hales:** Sir, finish your statement and don't be characterizing other people.

**Moran:** When we get into the details about how you are spending your money, I will start right with central city concern, and the only decent, the only decent thing where their elect idea is their offices and you have your, your landscape planning architect building, building 500 million, you know, 500,000 per unit stuff on both sides of town. And, and like, like there is a whole lot of buildings standing idle, and you aren't doing Nothing about it. If you had a proper reach community development corporation, if you had, a proper -- you had the proper money going to them, we could probably do something. What about noise pollution? I saw it on the news, and bullshit -- constitutes me if, they had anything, they had soda pop cans and, and, and cigarettes and, and alcohol, which you just -- all just looked the other way with it, the distributors and the retailers, those poisons, and you create, you have got transition projects, and you create the need for, for, you know, for people to go through alcoholism treatment. And make big money off of it. And, and you hire counties to lock us up and torture us in your so-called justice, and false arrests and what, what recourse do I have for false arrests? And i'm living in a damn hotel on my savings, and the second cheapest hotel in town. And I have had my, my stuff stolen by the police. The police were explicit. I got it all right. And, and if you don't think so, then let's talk about it.

**Hales:** Thank you. Anybody else?

**Moore-Love:** Yes, we have two more. Mary eng and barry joe stull. [applause]

**Mary Eng:** I would like to say a few things.

**Hales:** Have you signed up? Ok.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Yeah, we signed up.

**Hales:** Ok, good. Ok. Go ahead, mary. Go ahead.

**Hales:** She has to turn your microphone on. Just a second. Wait a second. Karla, could you turn -- i'm sorry, she's talking to somebody. Mary, hang on second. Karla, could you turn the microphone on in it got turned off. There you go. Ok. Now we're ready, thanks.

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**Eng:** Hi, city council, great to see, and i'm glad your trip to england was great, I love england if you could hook me up to citizenship, I would like to move to a country that does not criminalize poverty. I am thrilled about the new birth in the royal family. You know, there is my biggest thing is zach goldsmith. I saw him deliver a speech on torture, extraordinary rendition, and guantanamo, and that really high school hacker, what's his name, somebody help me, england, hacker, he has asperger's. And he's like a total genius, he hacked into nasa, and oh, ok. Anyway, to stay focus, zach goldsmith is talking about green infrastructure for europe. And guess what's awesome is we're kind of on the same page, ahead of the game, on some of the green stuff, and the poverty stuff, we're like stuck in the dark ages. And so, I just want you to get to know my friend, he was blind 20 years ago when a log took out his eye, cut up his skull, and He recently an attempted homicide, and he survived in the state of Washington and made it down for Portland police brutality. And they broke his sternum, and shattered a part of his elbow and, and bashed his head into the ground, as they said, don't be a pussy, you can handle it. And americans with disabilities act, don't be a pussy in america. You can handle it, if you are blind. Very dark, homophobic hate crime. So we started a group called transgender, the courts and we went to court in drag because they tried to say it's a crime to be blind in public.

**Hales:** Hey, hey, let her speak, you got to speak and let her speak.

**Eng:** I hope i'm not an overweight woman, what you think, what do you think, sir.

**Hales:** Sir, you are going to have to leave because you got to speak, and you are not letting other people speak.

**Eng:** I am a former bulimic woman who got my weight under control.

**Hales:** Keep going, i'm sorry got interrupted.

**Eng:** So anyway, since ben and I got engaged I don't want the police to beat him any more and if you all know any Oregon commission on the blind people, that can help us with, with the abuse that he's received, a little domestic violence mix with social security and embezzlement and fraud in Portland, Oregon, survived on 150 this month. And not to mention, a little rudeness from some of the public Officials. So, I am negative 400 in the hole, and you know my mom works for the veteran's administration, put us up, and ben is no longer on the street so it's a success story, and guess what, pennsylvania avenue is all involved. Jonas geisler is thrilled that benjamin is willing going on oprah winfrey and the news media and he will tell his story all day long in any office. You better ask him, I better not speak for him. Sometimes I say the wrong thing. I think that you should talk to the homeless.

**Hales:** Thanks. Thank you. Get a little closer to the microphone.

**Ben Pickering:** I am 29 years old and it's not just here, but around the world. We are a bad ass nation -- excuse me, my french. Ok. Excuse me.

**Fritz:** Could you give us your name?

**Pickering:** Benjamin pickering. Anyway, you know, I see the crime, it's, and it grows, I grew up, my mom watched news and knew a few things, and that's all we watched growing up but I seen what I seen or what, you know, out there, you know, running with these, these cats, you know, and out there, and listening to the stories, going to gatherings, you know, and hearing everybody's story, and the things, I cannot believe but, you know, what I do believe, you know, and in god we trust, is that, is that and, the them, up to par, you the crime On the streets, you know, it's going up, you know, you see, it it's going up. And you have got to teach people, you know, it's what you put into it is what you get back, and the people got to know, you know, like when you get addicted to something, you get addicted to love. You know, with respect to, you know, you don't walk into a country club, you do like, you know, you enjoy yourself like, whether you are on the dance floor doing line dance, that's fun, but, enjoy yourself out there with the world, you know, and it's everywhere you go. I mean, the stuff I can believe but it needs to be helped with. If we can come up and get the crime bit lesser, and work with people, where they understand, you know, where

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people come from, you know, you have got to live that, there is different firms out there, where you got, you got, every firm out there from the fbi to, to navy seal to the army, they go out there and detonate bombs and they go out there and fight crimes and put on, on suits and, and to take out landmines and fighting crime but cops is the worst firm out this, and they go out, this and they get a statement, and that's all that they know, and they know, they know the firm of, I mean, I have studied it, and I know because I have got cops in the family and different, people that, that, in parts my family, and, that you know, from Washington all over, and i'm from california, but the firm when negative in there, they study how tactics and how to handle things, but, when they go Up and, and they write their statements down, and they go up and, and they do what they do, and sometimes, when you go back and investigate your own crime they go in there and take it back to their source, which is, which is -- all they can be but there is some things that, that need to be worked on, you know, like getting an order and getting it straight, and like the people, and i'm not -- this is the tip of the iceberg but I have bit of say, you know, and it will take more than just, just to show up around here. But, I just have a few things, you know, and god bless america, anyway.

**Hales:** Thank you. [applause]

**Hales:** Go ahead. Good morning. Good morning.

**Barry Joe Stull:** I was waiting for, for Karla to get the mic on, that's all. I am barry joe stull. And I became homeless in 2005, or 2006, however you want to slice it. The nonprofit affordable landlord, community investment initiative filed a 30-day no cause against an express cause statutory prohibition in august of 2005. I appealed that. Found myself locked out. When I came home from my day job that provided me with dental care, and I had medical and dental, and I came home from the dentist appointment, and couldn't get in my apartment. I was locked out, november of 2005, and march of 2006, the court of appeals, locked out, that day, the order came out of salem, the landlord, Multnomah County sheriff went in and the landlord destroyed 15,000 worth my property. And I proved that. And in october of 2006, the landlord destroyed 4,775 worth my property. And I proved that, and three years ago, last month, and I did two things, and I went to court and judge edward jones, ordered that, that if the landlord cut me a check for 4,775, what was a quarter of what was destroyed in 2006, this is three years ago, 2010, even steven. In the meantime, I got in my opening appellant's brief and it was reject because they changed the rules from 12 to 13. We have a big problem here, and commissioner Fish, appointed pcri onto the fair housing council. And, and in the meantime, knowing all these facts. Commissioner mayor adams refused to write a political reporter against judge edward jones who walks out in front of here and, and still in office, and for, for official Multnomah county. I can't get the Portland police to write a political reporter where i'm a crime victim. Last month I was a crime victim out front, the security cameras were not on. And now, I was arrested just in 2011, august, october, november, and in february, 2012. When I went to report a restraining order that I had was violated, I was I was arrested because the sergeant standing over here, illegally excluded me from central precinct. We have big problems because at the time, when I qualified after two years, for the housing Authority of Portland, I couldn't get into the central precinct. To get my, my, my background check. And once I did, the housing authority Portland, renamed home forward, refused my application base on the arrest, and now, august, october, november, february, not, not guilty, not guilty, not guilty, not guilty. Last year, I was arrested, february, july and august. We have, we have big problem here. The problem is corruption. And a total lack of accountability. [applause]

**Hales:** Two more.

**Hales:** Good morning, and welcome. Good morning. Give us your name and proceed.

**Nan Wigmore:** I am nan wigmore, and I can be heard. I left photographs, the individual behind me there and, and so I can get them later. And, and I would like to, to tell, first of all, I am great grandmother. I am looking forward to my grand children, great grandchildren growing up. In a healthy Portland, those that have stayed. Because of -- problems with our government. My siblings

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have not all stayed in this country. They left. And so, some of them stayed and work as I do. So, I wanted to say, I work for the voc rehab assisting those who are willing and able with help, in the quadrant southeast mental health system. That was my occupation for a number of years. Those who are willing and able with help become and remain employed. That was my job and I watched it happen. That department during another era, another season of cutbacks, was closed. And it was made by, the issue was made by bookkeepers and that's the primary reason we find people on our streets today. They were getting help before. And, and that money did not come back to the city. It was just, just ended, the program was ended. And because I was paid not by the city, but by voc rehab. Now, I would like to, to speak to couple of things, and in particular. When, when -- yesterday, you chose in a rather, I thought, mean way, to put the vigil out of the, the front of the city hall. And lightning sacred, special spot, which is a piece of art volunteer and kept up by one person, one homeless person who dedicates his days. These -- the candlelight vigil, and for the last score you, it's given hope, not just to the homeless out there, but, to the people like myself who just walked by, and I watch. And I stop in and I look at the, at the amazing little trinkets, the little spiritual items, that that people would lead, and homeless people kept that neat and in order and, and i, I -- for the life of me, I can't understand why you look over that. And so, i'm going to move on. I wonder if you realize the number of unemployed, hard-working volunteers on the front steps. I wonder if you have any idea the poorest, the lonely and the lost are not lost to themselves and those of us out there. They are lost to the city who, who has guidance. You are misguided in my opinion, and it's corporations. We all know that. You know that. The empty buildings, someone said, and I wonder if you noticed how many women and children are out there. And are out there on the streets, and trying to get a night sweep with the roar of engines going by.

**Hales:** I want to ask you to wrap up. You used your time but i'm giving you extra time because you are making great points here.

\*\*\*\*\*: I will give you part of my time.

**Wigmore:** Thank you. Mr. Fish, nullified every word that you said. It's the attitude when those were torn down. It's the attitude, those sacred spots. And hands-on Portland, and prisoners who helped tear down the structures last night. Those people could be working to gather with the homeless. You don't have to take one little organization and have them do the work that homeless people could help because they are the poorest, loneliest and lost. And one person said to me that about 19 -- I mean, 2011, you want to help the poor, take one of us home, and I thought about that a lot. So, the next day, I invited somebody to come home, and through this time, we have had maybe 15 people, some we had to say no. This won't work. I'm telling, two those people work two days a week, they come to town. You have seen them out here, bring food. And they carry that food, it's all donated. And they cook it. And they drive their bicycles 12 miles a day. And 12 miles on our bicycle. You know, homeless spend a lot of time just surviving. And serving. Serving the city without a penny.

**Hales:** I will ask you to, to finish your thought, thank you.

**Wigmore:** I can stop.

**Hales:** Thank you very much

**Wigmore:** appreciate your being here. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: That's a hard act to follow but go ahead.

**Hales:** Good morning, just give us your name.

**Grace Silvia:** I am grace silvia. And I had a question about the 15 million budget. And I was wondering how much of that is going to the most cost effective, houseless program in town. Which is right to dream 2, as far as I can see. [applause]

**Silvia:** As a side note, I am, as somebody who worked in the Homeless shelters, I am impressed with their self organizing and their stance against bigotry and discrimination in all forms. They are doing an amazing job. And that very kind of, of self organizing program could be used for, for year-

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round shelter program for women, or it could be a shelter program supported by one of the agencies, but, I have a question when I heard that the testimony that, that, that some of the money is already going -- there is the, the emergency winter shelter, and that's only open for the six months in the coldest weather, but we already have an emergency shelter for women, and I am curious which one that is. And when, when safe has a wait list. And, and that's not emergency shelter. It's somebody who is coming off the street -- somebody coming off the streets, and they are escaping domestic violence or a violent pimp or they are just escaping a violent family. Some [inaudible], and there is a -- especially if a woman on the streets her first night, you have heard this again, but a 50% chance of being raped. So, we need a year-round emergency shelter for women, and I think that we have the resources that, that, that has create ways, and I think these suggestions before of involving homeless people and in creating their own solutions in making use of more, more self organizing and, and or making use some of the, some of the programs that we already have that we could extend, I think The emergency shelter, the low cost prom that gives an amazing bang to the buck is low barrier, and women could walk in, they don't have to be clean or sober, just, just, can, if they can work in the community, and they are welcome to stay. So, I really want to encourage people to get back to the point today of figuring out a way to have really true year-round emergency shelter for women. Thank you very much.

**Hales:** Thank you and thanks for coming. [applause]

**Teresa Roberts:** I am teresa roberts. Thanks. I am studying non violent communication. I have not really internalized it yet so I cannot tell you what I think you. You can throw all of the money you want to at the homeless problem. But, until you show respect you know, do you have no respect for people, a high percentage of whom have had head injuries. A high percentage of whom are abuse survivors. A high percentage of whom are disabled. You have no respect. [applause] if you give, if you give begrudgingly, you might as well have not have given. You are not going to earn any stars for your crown in heaven nor re-election. You don't listen to us. [applause] you listen to mark weiner, who ran most of your elections, which I think is a problem that we should have so many people sitting up there, whose Campaigns were run by the same person, and who have such [inaudible] [applause] You have plenty of money to try to force medicaid us with fluoride which we have four times told you prior that we did not want. [applause] You have money to, to run fastrack reservoirs underground, and that the citizenry do not want. You do not listen -- I come to the city council frequently enough to watch you not listen to citizens. I heard at least 12 citizen groups get up and testify against you, except the flawed jtff agreement, but, three of you rolled over and do you know, and you know who you are. [applause] you have money for all that overtime that the police spend. You have money to spend appealing the gallagher smith versus the Portland police and pay interest on money that you all agree the victim deserves, delay it going into his hands, and in bit for more power for Portland police to tell citizens to move along on the sidewalk. I also saw a recent article in the paper called another night in taser city. Where, a bouncer on his way home at 2:00 a.m., when your buses stop running, and was trying to get a cab, he's dress as a bouncer and his girlfriend is in high heels and a party dress, and hands up tase, beaten and hogtied. Why are we hog tying our citizens? And do you want more power for these bullies, these animals, these, oh, that's not enough. Winter is coming. We have empty buildings. We have two homeless communities that provide a model for something that we can do today. And you cannot fastrack that? You cannot do that before. While that man runs a department that, that has, that creates a, that arrest records for teachers, nurses, social workers, and people who try to help the homeless, people who free throw express their conscience on the streets to get their attention of their fellow citizens because Oregon gets them [inaudible] and public access to information. And you and the state Oregon got a d in accountability. Now, I have presented that report to you. And I have not seen any change in your grades.

**Hales:** Thanks for coming.

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**Roberts:** Appreciate you being here. Thanks. [applause]

**Moore-Love:** We have two more signed up. Those are the last two who signed up.

**Hales:** I'm sorry, did you hear the names called? Folks, we need to be able to hear the names of people being called, thank you. Ok. Go ahead.

**Charles Johnson:** Good morning, counselors, I am, as you might recall is Charles Johnson. Speaking -- Miss Roberts raised some very serious and important issues, but in light of yesterday's activity, and the \$15 million agenda item, 721 before us, I would like to make a brief comment. The pretext for yesterday's action was the number of complaints on that sidewalk, and I, as a frequent person there can understand other citizens being concerned when some of my neighbors, my neighbor's behavior uncomfortable for them. It's important for you to think about that number of 100 some complaints and compare to it to the complaints you have had from the r2d2 rest area, you know what is working and you need to broaden that. [applause] there is a lot of disrespect, but however I want to say when I was here yesterday, certainly Mr. Krueger is not my favorite police officer, and I was sad to see the, the -- I was sad to see that the vigil structure was disassembled. But I do feel that some respect, reasonable level of respect was shown with the exception of the complicated issue of that first amendment protect structure. But the main thing is, shelter and care for, for needy citizens and r2d2, and you almost never have complaints there, it's very rare for me to see a police car near the, the Chinese gate and the tents. And I hope that, that especially our new housing commissioner, but all of will look at expanding that model. We heard about the Gallagher Smith legal action going on and you also have one involving r2d2, a poor use of city resources. [applause] so please keep that in mind and thank you for your time and the respect that do show.

**Hales:** Thanks for coming. Good morning.

**Nicole Childs:** Good morning. I am Nicole Childs. Sorry, I didn't actually plan on speaking today. But hearing from some of the folks in here, made me, gave me the strength. So, a bit about myself, I am 29 years old. And I graduated with a degree in marine biology. And I am currently homeless because I was escaping an abusive household situation. And me and my partner have been on the streets for just over a week now. And through extensive research, I didn't -- I was able to find really any resources at all for couples. And I've been accosted twice on the street here in Portland. When I was working and had a place to live, I'm not the, the strongest built young lady. Which makes me feel a little unsafe. So I do not want to separate from my partner and go to, to a shelter where I have no idea what's going to happen there. So anyway, we found r2d2. And I believe, I believed they might be the only resource in the city for couples. And they are doing very extremely awesome work there. Helping people find shelter, and that's the other thing, I suppose, was that there are a lot of resources out there for people with, you know, drug problems and disabilities or war vets or batter women or families, and all that is very necessary, very important. But, there are some of us, too, that are just don't have drug problems. We may not be escaping domestic violence between a partner and myself, not a war vet, just a normal person. Who is, who is experiencing tough times, in life and, and I think that, that the funding, there should be more funding for places like r2d2 who really focus and concentrate on helping people to transition from, from the difficult situations in a safe environment. In support, and support people not, not doing drugs and, and all of that stuff. And help them to find a place. I need a place like that right now, somewhere where I can be so that maybe I can get some work and get myself back on my feet, you know. Transition. And I also advocate for more women's shelters, as well. But, if we had the capability of expanding more place like r2d2, I think that you would find that a lot of homeless couples really, really could use that help so thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you very much. [applause]

**Moore-Love:** That's all that I had signed up.

**Hales:** Ok. Thank you all very much. Is there, unless there is further council discussion we'll take a vote.

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**Saltzman:** I appreciated the testimony again. We are investing \$15 million to address homelessness in the city. That's not an insignificant amount by any metric, so I want to thank the council for Approving this budget as commissioner Fish did allude to, the housing bureau was 100% funded this year on the budget thanks to, to the advocacy, and commissioner Fish, and others, and in the community and, and so, this is, this is, this money will make a difference. And as I said earlier, we're also looking at the needs for women in terms of more emergency shelter and housing options. Aye.

**Novick:** I appreciate commissioner Saltzman moving this item from the consent agenda to the regular agenda. So that we can hear what we are doing in this community, and thanks to Daniel and to sally. And folks here have, who have testified, I know this probably won't make any difference but I would like to remind folks, that that in the budget this year, we cut funding for the police, and we cut funding for fire, and we did not cut funding for the homeless. I know it's not enough but I think that it reflects our priorities. Aye.

**Fritz:** Well, thank you all for being here today. And for this testimony. Thank you, commissioner Saltzman for pulling the item for discussion. It is an uncomfortable discussion. It's an uncomfortable situation where folks don't have safety, and the most basic needs. To feel safe. So, I appreciate coming, and talking about this with us, and we to share your concerns. And, and obviously, it's hard to hear that, and it's hard to believe that when there is still so many needs still outstanding. The 15 million is only part of the housing budget. And joe, I will get back to you on specifically what the Multnomah county allocation is for. And as the mayor said, the records are open. You can ask the question, and commissioner Saltzman and his staff will get back to you as to the percentage of administration. When you are talking about services, though, services take people to provide the service. It's not a matter of handing out \$50 million. Could I have my turn to talk because you have had an opportunity and I would really appreciate it if you would hear me out. It takes people to set up the services to find their apartments, to do all the things that are necessary in order to help person, and I agree, the r2d2 is a great model. And I salute the folks who have been there, the leadership, the independent folks, and providing housing for couples. And thank you for your courageous testimony. I appreciate that. There is no such thing as "the homeless." there is a lot of individuals experiencing homelessness and each of has your own story so I thank you for coming to tell some of those stories today. And I will continue to work to help solve these problems for each individual as commissioner Fish said. We are not going to end homelessness for everybody. We are going to end homelessness one person at a time. Because that's how people became homeless. Is one person at a time. Aye.

**Hales:** Hey, hey, no. I am sorry, everybody gets to speak when they sign up. Your testimony is over. Sorry. We are voting now. I'm sorry, if you signed up and you were called, you had an opportunity.

**Fritz:** Crystal, I will be happy to meet with you later.

**Hales:** Now, we're spending money on ending homelessness or trying to, so this is an expense of \$15 million. Ok, that's what we are voting on.

**Fish:** You know, bud clark was the first mayor of this city to say that homelessness was a city concern. And he had the first plan to end homelessness, and the seeds of which have led to this ten-year plan. Gretchen kafoury was the first housing commissioner and the first one to say that the city should invest in initiative driven nonprofits to do the work, which is how we invest our dollars. And I think that gretchen, if she watching, would be somewhat alarmed that our friends on the left are criticizing the model that she pioneered of the city investing with mission driven nonprofit to deliver services to people in need. And commissioner erik sten led the process that culminated in a Plan to end homelessness. And he fought to have more and more general fund money put into homelessness, and he fought to have urban renewal money invested, and in the last five years, I think that the figure is somewhere close to 200 million of urban renewal money invested in building

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homes. Northwest pilot project issues a report every year. And for 30 years, they have documented a steady decline in homes affordable for low income people, and ultimately, the solution to ending homelessness is to provide homes. Shelters are a temporary solution. Homes are a long-term solution, and everyone in our community should have the right to have a home. For 30 years we have seen a city decreased in homes affordable downtown. Because of investments which the community has been willing to make, this year for the first time, northwest pilot project, reported an increase in affordable homes downtown. That's small progress, and it is not going to end the problem. And but, it is steady progress. And we live in a time where there are, there is a national party, which is advocating for the elimination, a particular federal agency that's called hud. And their major candidate ran on a platform for president for the elimination of hud. These conversations that we have here are important, and it is very important for people to come forward and to share their Opinions and their frustrations with us. But when you step back for a moment and you think about that we live in a time where there is a dominant political party that believes it is no longer the province of the federal government to invest in housing, it gives me pause. Whatever we do at the local level, we cannot be successful without a federal partner. And what I suspect is going to happen on this issue and on health care, and on, on veteran services. And on mental health and on so many issues that we care about, we are going to have loud and passionate debates at the local level damaging the fallout of the consequence of the defunding of programs at the federal level that build a community. And you know what, if I was the person behind the curtain trying to figure out how to erode the community in our country, you could not be more successful than to cut off the funding at the federal level, and then let us fight over the scraps at the local level. And this is going to get worse on every issue that we deal with because people at the local level are going to be frustrated with the degradation of services they care about, and they are going to confront their local officials, and ask to hold them accountable. And we'll have these kinds of discussions. But ultimately, the solution lies somewhere else. And together, together, we can take the passion and the energy in this room and address upstream what is the real problem in this country, which is federal priorities, not local priorities. We can have that debate, but in the, but in the short-term, what I fear will happen is we will tear each other apart rather than focusing on the true source of the problem. This council, this council supported a 100% ad-back funding, and we cut public safety. This council and this housing commissioner is committed to making progress. And together, I think that we can make progress. And today we're authorizing and allocating \$15 million. It is not enough to do the job. \$15 million is not enough. But this money is going to groups like neah, this is going to central city concern. And transition projects and others who are doing great work in the trenches. So, as we acknowledge that we have more work to do today, I want to thank our partners in the trenches from the faith community, from the mission-driven nonprofits, and from local government. Who are working hard every day -- let me finish.

**Hales:** Hey, folks everybody gets to speak, and nobody gets to get interrupted. It applies to each one of you and us, that's the deal. Proceed, please, commissioner.

**Fish:** And today, we have a chance to thank those people in the trenches. That are helping us every day address this crisis. And we will not rest until everyone in our community has a home. Aye.

**Hales:** Folks, that's the deal. Everyone gets to come up here and speak, and everyone gets to be respect while they do, and it applies to everybody in this room. That's the deal, and if you don't want to respect that, we'll ask you to leave. Let's go on.

**Hales:** I had a chance to spend time in the field with some of the folks on this list and I want to reflect on the comments made. This model of having the local government take the federal dollars we get, totally agree with your comments, commissioner Fish, and do not believe the federal government is some inert thing that we cannot change. There are real elected officials who vote like we do in Washington, and they can be influenced, not just by corporations. So, I don't believe that the federal government, as dysfunctional as it is, is a completely lost cause. They are not doing

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enough of the right thing, but they are not a lost cause. So, all of us who care about these issues, citizens, these organizations, people on this council need to put the pressure on every member of the Oregon congressional delegation to step up on these issues. So, the federal government doesn't get a pass. And neither do we. That's why this investment is Very important. I have had some, some time to get out in the field with some of these folks, and I will be doing more that, and I have seen and met the folks that, at central city concern taken out of homelessness, and gotten into housing, and after they have gotten through treatment, if they had a substance abuse problem, and now are working every day getting a paycheck rising into independence. Are we doing enough? Absolutely not. Are we looking for more models like r2-d2 that can work? Of course. We will keep trying to find more partners willing to help people like the stories we heard in this room. We are going to keep trying to find more of our own money. Keep banging on the door of the u.s. Congress telling them to do their job, too. Thank you all for a great package. A package that will make a difference for a lot of people in our community. Great work for commissioners of housing, past and present and a great bureau staff to put this package together. Very proud to support it. Aye. Thank you.

**Hales:** Okay. Let's move on. We don't take general questions. We move on to the rest of the council calendar. We're waiting for a time certain item.

**Item 714.**

**Hales:** Do we have a presentation on this? Commissioner Fish. Folks, let's let the work continue, please.

**Fish:** I'm going to invite jennifer devlin and -- and I think mike -- mike are you joining us, too? Is mike rosen here?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Thank you.

**Fish:** You're not coming up. Okay. You're here for moral support. Mayor and colleagues, today we have a brief presentation on the community watershed stewardship program, which as you know, supports neighborhood projects that help us manage the city's stormwater. Each dollar we invest in a community partnership leverages up to \$3 in volunteer time and in kind contributions. It is a tremendous investment that provides multiple benefits to our stormwater system. In the process of implementing these projects, we built community and awareness of the importance of watershed health in maintaining water quality. This year, the bureau of environmental services and I are very -- were very impressed with the number of partners who applied for grants. And i'm pleased to hand the presentation over to our crack team to announce the projects that the committee selected to receive grants this year. And i'm going to turn it over to jennifer. Welcome.

**Jennifer Devlin, Bureau of Environmental Services:** Good morning. I'm with the bureau of environmental services. And i'll let our group introduce themselves.

**Cameron Herrington:** Cameron herrington, psu student who has helped coordinate the grant program this past year.

**Tadele Gelagay:** Chairman St Mary Ethiopian orthodox church.

**Fish:** Welcome.

**Paul Cavanaugh:** My name is paul, and i'm an americorps member serving at david douglas high school.

**Devlin:** Good morning. The community watershed stewardship program affectionately known as cwsp -- -- the program awards up to \$10,000 per project to community initiated watershed health projects. We are very grateful that the council voted to reinstate the funding for this successful program. And we're really happy to be here today to tell you a tiny bit about the project history and the 12 community-based grants that we would like to award this year. The kwsp project advance goals of managing stormwater and protecting water quality and the health of the river and our local streams. Because all Portlanders have an important role to play in those activities. We really worked hard to expand the program beyond the typical environmentally oriented groups since 1995, cwsp has awarded \$100,000 in grants. We are matched more than 3-1 from the

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community. So, it is great investment. One of the types of storm water projects, eco-roofs. We funded 12 eco-roofs. Also funded 57 stormwater features like ones pictured here. Rain gardens, bioswales, stormwater to let it soak naturally into the ground. We've also funded 99 restoration projects and all 236 of our projects have included an educational component, which is a very important part of our program. We've also funded 71 projects that include nature-scaping, projects that use native plants or community gardens, street trees to replace sod with plants that are much more -- allow a lot more rain water to soak into the ground. We've also funded 16 pavement removal projects, including one at join that they wanted to have so that homeless folks could grow their own food at the site. That's a cool project. I'm going to turn it over to cameron who will tell you a little about this year's program.

**Herrington:** We've worked really hard, outreach program to broaden the scope of this project. To reach a whole diversity of Portlanders. We emphasized different projects. And we have found that there are -- there is a lot of energy out there in the community to do projects that find an overlap of environmental and community benefits in the same project. So, we collaborated with partners such as the city's neighborhood coalitions and office of equity and human rights to reach out to groups around the city that we have not worked with in the past. On this, you will see some of the new outreach materials that we've been using over the past year, which share examples of some -- some of these models of projects that find that sweet spot of overlap between community benefits and watershed stewardship goals. Poster that we have been using, funding for your community project, for the project you want to do in your community and we will find those projects that advance community benefits will also help advance watershed stewardship. We have been sharing examples of the other document, case study of one of our past grantees, our happy block project, which two years ago, a grant to fund the stormwater management project, which also coincidentally cleaned up and added native plants to a church parking lot that was attracting criminal behavior. An ideal example of that overlap between environmental benefits and community benefits. So, this year, we received 43 applications, which are represented on this map by the dots. And you will see that they came from all across the city. These applications came from schools and faith-based organizations, several neighborhood associations, immigrant organizations. Watershed councils and a wide variety of nonprofits and community groups. All told, 43 applications requested over \$330,000 from our program, and we had \$95,000 to award. So, this is the map, which you have a hard copy of in front of you which shows on the white dots more than 200 grants that we have awarded since 1995 and in the orange dots, the 12 projects that were selected this year. And these 12 grantees are excellent examples of projects that simultaneously manage storm water, are led by diverse communities and build strong partnerships in the community. This is a list of the 12 projects which are being funded. They are in -- spread across the city in four different watersheds. Willamette, columbia slough, tryon creek and johnson creek. Four of these projects create rain gardens to better infiltrate stormwater. Six of them replace sod and -- plants, community gardens, and street trees. One restores habitat along tryon creek and 10 of the 12 actively engage young people in the variety of infrastructure, restoration and stormwater management projects. Now we are very happy to give you an opportunity to hear from two of this year's grantees. First i'll turn it over to paul -- the sun school program at david douglas high school.

**Cavanaugh:** Hello. First on behalf of metropolitan family service and david douglas and the students and volunteers involved in the project I want to thank you all for supporting us and thank you to the community watershed stewardship program. Our mission in the project is to first empower youth as leaders and stewards both of the community and the johnson creek watershed, which we're in at david douglas. Also to increase food access in the david douglas community. We will also unite the school with the surrounding community, and promote watershed health in our local community. How will we achieve the goals? The garden project will give students at

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David Douglas an opportunity to be leaders at all stages of the project. A gardening committee with four student leaders who will make up that group and they will have -- have them directly involved in the planning and implementation of the project. The group will help lead students and volunteers in carrying out the vision of the projects and throughout the process, students and community volunteers will learn to see their impacts on the Johnson Creek watershed. They will also build leadership skills, gain experience in community planning and design. We will also in collaboration of the community, watershed stewardship program student and staff will educate the community on the importance and practice of creating a healthy watershed. In partnership with professional garden and watershed educators, the garden will hold watershed education events in tandem with garden work parties, which we're having our first one on Friday, the day after tomorrow. In our effort to directly improve the watershed, nature-scaping techniques, remove hard packed sod, plant native perennials around our beds and include stormwater features such as rain barrels, irrigation systems, and rain gardens. As for our efforts to increase food access, we will give families in the community the opportunity to volunteer in the garden in exchange for food and we will also be partnering with the David Douglas Food Pantry and the garden will be once, you know, it grows, we will be a source of food for the food pantry, which will directly connect the individuals in the community to the source of their food. By offering educational resources, impact of the garden will go far beyond the school. Thanks again for supporting our project. We are thrilled to be here. And very excited to transform our school into a site where we can help improve both the social and environmental health of the community.

**Hales:** Thank you. Good morning.

**Herrington:** Next I will introduce Tadele Gelagay the chairman of the board of directors at St. Mary Ethiopian Orthodox Church.

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you, commission. Sorry.

\*\*\*\*\*: It wasn't your fault.

**Tadele Gelagay:** We have community small church with limited resources. We have about 60 to 70 members, and our -- we are having a problem for a number of years, because our parking lot will have only one drywall, which cuts all of the run of water from the parking lot into the drywall. And practically speaking, this drywall -- eventually -- because of that we have serious problem -- we have spent a significant amount of time and money to maintain the drywalls. And just last year, this is the first time, in fact, such a great project and we were able to connect with a great partner. Thank you for the -- to help us to connect with the great partner, which we haven't had the experience before. The watershed council and watershed program -- so, these are the three partners that helped us to energize and make it happen. We are extremely happy and grateful that this has been granted and -- so, right now, we are getting \$10,000 to raise -- and now we have the grant and originally start the project -- which is September. This gives us a good opportunity to eliminate this flooding problem at the church and -- at the same time, a parking area, parking of the church. Thank you so much commissioners, city of Portland, we appreciate being given this opportunity. We are very grateful to be a part of this grant. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Fish:** Mayor, that's our presentation. And I -- I don't know whether -- has anyone signed up to testify?

**Moore-Love:** Yes, we do. Three people signed up.

**Fish:** Before we take the testimony, I want to publicly thank the mayor and my colleagues as the community knows, this particular program, community watershed stewardship program was slated to be cut during the budget. And there was a last-minute reprieve. And the council supported a continuation of this program. And I think as you've heard today from this presentation, relatively small investment goes a long way to advancing multiple goals that we have as a community. The

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most important goal being watershed health. And I want to thank our team, Jennifer and the whole team and Ben and Cameron. Cameron, what's your field?

**Herrington:** Urban studies.

**Fish:** Urban studies. Thank all of the folks who made the decision and thank our two honored guests for participating in this program. And we -- the matter is now before the council.

**Hales:** Thank you all. Great presentation. Any questions for the panel before they yield the floor? Thank you very much for being here. Okay. You have some folks signed up.

**Moore-Love:** Yes, I have four people.

**Hales:** Come on up.

**Moroe-Love:** Joe, nan, Benjamin and Spencer.

**Hales:** Go ahead, Joe.

**Joe Walsh:** Joe Walsh, individuals for justice. These programs are outstanding. I'm sure that surprises some of you on the panel that I would say that. But they are. And when you're right, you're right. And these are really good programs. Here is one of our concerns. These programs funded under the --

**Hales:** Environmental services.

**Walsh:** Yeah, take that away from you and I think it's going to pass. And my concern is that these people that are being -- that are associated with the department of water will lose the funding. So, this council should start thinking in terms of these programs are really good programs, and we've got to find some money from the general fund to support them. Not take it out of the department of water, because next year, it will not be your's. And the people of Portland, when they find out about the rates, they find out what you're doing with the reservoir, they are going to be so angry with you that they're going to take it away from you. And these folks will suffer for your incompetence. And that really bothers me. So, please when you go back to your offices, understand that if you do nothing, you could really punish these people. And they don't deserve it. They work hard. They do a good job. It is up to the city to benefit -- I want to leave that with a note. Because we are truly concerned about this because we will be part of taking the water department away from you. But we have great concerns about the residuals that will happen, and this is one of them and this would be sad. Thank you.

**Fish:** Just so -- since I --

**Walsh:** I knew you would have something to say.

**Fish:** You said water department. Funded by the bureau of environmental services.

**Walsh:** That is part of the funding of the water.

**Fish:** No. Two separate bureaus.

**Walsh:** Two separate bureaus, but aren't they associated together?

**Fish:** When you get a bill every month, about two-thirds of your bill is the bureau of environmental services and about one third of your bill is water.

**Walsh:** Okay.

**Fish:** The funding for this comes out of the bureau of environmental services.

**Walsh:** Let me ask you this. Maybe I'll go back and tell everybody to relax a little. If the department of water is taken away from the council, and independent department is set up, or a utility system, whatever the name ends up being, will environmental services suffer because of that?

**Fish:** The proposal is to have the water bureau, bureau of environmental services, both would be transferred to a separate entity if successful.

**Walsh:** Right back to the concern that they would lose their funding. You're a lawyer, you go around and around but you end up at the same place. My concern was that these people do not lose their funding. That's my concern.

**Hales:** We share that concern.

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**Walsh:** Okay. Well you could do something about it by finding something in general fund for next year to fund them.

**Fritz:** That was the big discussion we had during this year's budget, in fact, it is entirely appropriate for rates to fund this program for the multiple reasons that you've stated. No, there isn't a big bucket of extra general fund money, if it were, we would be using it for housing as we had for the previous discussion. That is one of the reason that most people on this council if not all opposing the proposed utility district that they wouldn't be required to consider the greater benefit of things like the community watershed stewardship program only looking at decreasing rates.

**Walsh:** Really good. You switched the whole -- around back to us. That's unfair. I don't know what will happen if the department is taken away from you. Probably will continue funding really good programs. You don't know that. I don't know that. It depends on who sits on the board and what decisions they make. But you could do something. You could say, okay, if that happens, and we can't convince this board to keep sending these programs, then we'll do it. Or we'll ask the county to do it. Somebody will do it. That's my concern. And you could do that. You're broke, you keep saying that you're broke. But you will spend \$400 million covering the reservoirs. Had to borrow some money to do these things.

**Novick:** Joe, can I ask you to do something? Can you go to the people who are pushing the water district and ask them if they continue to fund this program if they take over the water and bureau of environmental services?

**Walsh:** The problem with that, three different groups that are involved in this. And I don't think anybody has a -- it would be very difficult for me --

**Novick:** Their public advocates are kent craford and john dilorenzo. Will you call them up and ask them this question?

**Walsh:** I think they're in charge of the initiative. They're not -- they're not in charge -- you're making --

**Hales:** [crowd noise]Let him speak, please. Stop.

**Walsh:** Decision making -- that will be decided by elected officials separate from you guys if that goes through. My concern, all of that will take a lot of time and it will get really confusing if that happens. I think you could sit down and just say, you know, we have to work -- get this thing, the initiative, and signatures are taken and it is going to happen in 2014, then you, as a local body, could say we are going to save these programs and this is how we're going to do it.

**Hales:** Thank you. Mr. Burton, you were called, would you like to come up?

**Moore-Love:** I also have -- benjamin pickering, and mary eng also.

**Hales:** Good morning. You have to push the button on that particular microphone on the base of the black box there. There you go. Now you're in action.

**Spencer Burton:** Okay. First of all, I want to thank the city council and mayor charlie for putting the money back in for the community watershed stewardship grant this year. I know it was pulled out and I know we're having budget constraints, but my project was one of the projects that you funded this year. Albina tree initiative. The northeast neighborhoods friends of trees, rosemary anderson high school, put at-risk youth to work planting trees. My goal is to get 1,000 trees planted in our neighborhoods and I think this is a great step towards getting that done. Use people from the neighborhoods for benefit for the neighborhoods, to green and beautify our city. And I just wanted to thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you. [applause]

**Fritz:** Thank you for taking the time to come in, spencer. That was one of the projects that caught my eye. It is a project, teaching kids the value of trees, friends of trees and in partnership with the coalition and neighborhood association. Thank you. It's an example of how this program brings communities together.

**Burton:** Thank you.

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**Hales:** Good morning, Charles. Go ahead.

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you.

**Charles Johnson:** I'm Charles Johnson. And I want to thank Commissioner Novick for bringing up the larger issue of potential changes in the water system, but I think the most important thing to do here is to thank Cameron Herrington and Paul the Young Leaders and neighborhood activists for this crisp, continued crisp work. I think actually we should give them a hand right now.

[applause]

**Johnson:** So, and some of us get very excited when we talk up here because we're concerned about some shortcomings, but I hope that the city will keep that in the forefront. Whether it's done -- whether we restructure with a new water and sewer authority or whatever we do hope that all of you will remember what we say and call us to accountability so that we will monitor to make sure that not just the basics of -- unmixed water getting into the tap and sewers going away, but the other things that have to happen to have a healthy, livable community so that Forest Park doesn't shrink and community activists can get out there and depave -- I notice there was some depave.org work up in some of the pictures. When we yell at you and make you feel uncomfortable, talk with us after council, why didn't you talk with Kent about what they are doing with the new water authority.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Hales:** Your name back in the record.

**Mary Rose Leonore Eng:** Have water at the table for the activists -- the more passionate we get, some might get dry mouth -- I'm getting over my stage fright. While we're talking about water, water for the humans. Humans need water.

\*\*\*\*\*: Water is good.

**Eng:** To be sarcastic, why don't we just give all of the water to Nestle. Since my mom was on a Nestle boycott --

**Hales:** Mary, testify on this if you would.

**Eng:** Well, I want the watershed information in a blind, dyslexic sign language multi-ada availability because I have panic attack related to -- I'm under a lot of stress. So I would really benefit if there were a sign language interpreter as well as an audio summary of what is actually going on, and I wanted to point out that the thing about the plastic in the water, plastic is a -- carcinogenic -- I would appreciate no carcinogens in the water and thank you for everything that you do in environmental leadership. The tendency to presume that our government is doing things carefully and honorably is a lovely sentiment, however, we should find out more, and if some people are excluded from availability of information and the kind of accessible format, for instance, book on tape on compact disk or mp-3, or youtube, actually it -- watershed from the web site.

**Hales:** Don't read it now.

**Eng:** I have 60 seconds. They're my seconds, hold on.

**Hales:** Go ahead.

**Eng:** 57. Okay. Watershed -- let's see. Learn about Portland's watersheds. The city of Portland sits at the -- of two of the nation's major river systems, the Columbia River and Willamette River. Steelhead and Fish and wildlife species live within Portland's urban boundary -- I will skip to the watershed if I can find it. We don't have this much rain in California. Maybe you could help me understand what's going on with the water.

**Hales:** Give us your name, again.

**Benjamin Pickering:** Benjamin -- I'm with her, but as long as she talks with me, I would like to ask you a few questions about it.

**Hales:** You're here to testify about these grants. Not ask us questions.

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**Pickering:** Okay. I will just let her talk for my three minutes then. I -- I would like to say a few things then. Go around and register to vote, say like you go out there and register to vote because -- a little while back, I don't know if anybody heard about that. The schools, park, water parks and different stuff -- sharing a little more about, you know, having a problem with, you know, you know, gluten, certain things, like warm water rises -- it happens through different things. Also where the water just builds up and it like made -- it made -- it -- it overflowed -- what was that that we were talking about?

\*\*\*\*\*: Oh, yeah.

**Pickering:** Anyway, I know a little bit more and I have been hearing a little bit more. You know, you have to be registered to vote, but I mean I have my own input on what I hear about things and pretty smart about -- if I had a little bit more detail on it, you know, so sorry that I didn't have much to say. But go ahead.

**Hales:** Thank you for coming. Anyone else, Karla?

**Hales:** Nan, were you speaking?

**Nan Wiggins:** Very short. Talking about the mount tabor reservoir.

**Hales:** This is not about the mount tabor reservoir. This is about community watershed grants. Could you speak on that subject with us?

**Wiggins:** Am I off track when I speak of the bull run watershed.

**Hales:** Yes, you are. This has nothing to do with that.

**Wiggins:** I have no more to say.

**Hales:** Okay. Thank you for coming. Anyone else to testify on this item? Let's take a roll call.

**Fish:** Mayor, before we go to a vote, can we have discussion?

**Hales:** Please.

**Fish:** Commissioner novick raised a point -- I had the honor of leading the bureau of environmental services now for about six weeks and visiting employees out in the field, visiting projects, and what I constantly hear from people is they support programs like this watershed stewardship programs. They support low income discounts we give to seniors. They support the greater green programs which uses nature instead of pipes to manage stormwater. They support our team approach of dealing with the superfund and cleaning up the river. And I don't know whether they're aware that those are all issues that we are currently the subject of a lawsuit brought by the very same people that are behind the petition that have said flatly that all of those expenditures are illegal. To your question about asking the petitioners what their intent is, I think I know their intent. Because as someone who has actually read the complaint and seen that every single program supported by the community that uses nature to address -- uses nature to address storm water runoff has been challenged in a lawsuit, I think I know what the ultimate goal is. I appreciate you framing that question but I think the answer is in front of us.

**Hales:** Good point. Thank you. Let's take a roll call.

**Novick:** I'm very pleased that we authorized this program. It does a fabulous job in engaging diverse communities around the city in storm water management and watershed protection. I also have to say that I have a sentimental attachment to the acronym, it reminds me of my childhood. There were two sugar cereals, quisp and quake, I was very fond of both of them. I was delighted to learn, actually looking earlier today, that quisp was recently reintroduced. My suspicion, quaker oats noted the success and popularity of our cwsp program and decided to capitalize on it. Aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you. This has been a program that has been going for 18 years now. I wrote one of the very first grants and got it. And I have to say that I barely recognize the program now compared with the one that I participated in. I was a very new citizen activist in my neighborhood. It's done so much more with outreach and look at the equity components. Always did partnerships -- my first grant was \$3,000, and our project ended up being \$28,000. As well as watershed health, commissioner Fish, which I know is rightfully the reason that we do these

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community watershed grants and the reason that it's important that they be part of the rate funded programs of environmental services, they do save money and they do manage stormwater appropriately. So, again, proposed utility district won't be looking at these wider community benefits, one of which is community participation. For me as a new person who previously had been most interested in stopping land use decisions -- applications for subdivisions, to have the opportunity to do something constructive, to partner with a school and the neighborhood association and multiple other programs, including a trip to the bull run which was an amazing experience that I have not repeated because I think it is a sanctuary that we should only go to once in our lifetime if we're lucky. It was an amazing experience to know that that was my government. That was my tax money going to provide this program that then provided multiple benefits for people and to see that it is still doing that today and yet focusing so much on the equity component.

I love the way you have it written up highlighting how you did the outreach and the fact that you included the office of equity and human rights in that outreach is another good step forward. Emails and phone calls to groups that hadn't previously applied. And as a result of that, if you look at the pattern of the old grants and the pattern of the new, we have four east of 205 and one in lents in this package and many in northeast Portland. Proven its success and I appreciate the council putting it back into the environmental services budget and I hope this is the kind of program that we need to be telling people about. The -- there is a lot of good things that government does and this is one of them. Aye.

**Fish:** I want to thank a few of the people that have made this day possible. First Mike Rosen. Mike, would you raise your hand. And in Mike's free time, he is working tirelessly to save our schools and his day job is watershed division supervisor. So, Mike, thank you. Jennifer, would you raise your hand? Coordinator for BES and she has been overseeing this program and doing a wonderful job, thank you. And to the committee that worked to make the selections, I want to thank you and particularly to Cameron Harrington, and thank you for your outstanding presentation. How long have you been doing this?

**Herrington:** A year and a half.

**Fish:** Well, we really appreciate you volunteering your time to get it right. To our honored guests, our recipients, welcome and thank you. I'm especially pleased that the linkage between David Douglas High School and the Sun Program and our existing community gardens we give some school programs free plots. We encourage kids to grow healthy food. The fact that we have a whole garden set aside for the Sun School program is terrific. Commissioner Saltzman, I want to acknowledge his leadership on this program because it was Dan that put two of the components into this program, which are reflected in the selection today. One is equity. And second is disadvantaged youth. And they are part of the criteria that we use in making these awards. I want to thank Dan for his leadership and I also frankly want to thank my colleagues again. This program could have been cut during a difficult budget year, but in response to overwhelming community support, we kept it in the budget and I think today is another illustration of why it's important that we do so. I'm pleased to vote aye.

**Hales:** I want to give Commissioner Saltzman a chance to vote since he arrived.

**Saltzman:** Aye.

**Hales:** Let the record show -- This is a great program, and it obviously leverages a lot of value for a small amount of money. As has been pointed out, it leverages a lot of volunteer activity as well. I had a chance to see that not abstractly but in person. I happened upon the community celebration for one of these projects last year, our happy block project. A church, community, and neighborhood organization and a lot of folks got together to put that project together with the bureau. And I just wanted to -- this amazing celebration, heard about it, had a hot dog, and that was nice, thank you. And the spirit of that gathering was pretty great. It was collaborative. These folks had worked together. They felt ownership, not just the church members, but the

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whole community. If you go by there now, it's still in wonderful shape. It is being beautifully maintained as well as well conceived and well built in the first place. It was a teachable moment for me and I think all of us look forward to all of those moments when these great projects are completed. Thank you very much.

**Fish:** I neglected to thank Emily York on my team who is now with the bureau of environmental services and thank her for her work.

**Hales:** Good job. Thank you all. Aye. Okay. Our apologies for the delay. We have some folks here on an item that I want to introduce. Read the item, please. Karla.

**Item 715.**

**Hales:** Thank you. This is a community and this is a council that wants the public actively engaged in talking about police reform and holding us and the bureau and all of us in this community accountable for a relationship of trust and consistent application of justice in this community. Those are lofty goals. We all need to work together to make progress towards them. I think this collaborative agreement between the Albina Ministerial Alliance and the city helps us do that. First, this agreement will codify the city's commitment for putting information about reform-related reports and meetings on a centralized web site for easy public access. This is about the people in the community, including members of this coalition being able to know what is going on. Secondly, it allows the city to adopt a better process for electing members to the community oversight advisory board. Third, it ensures public participation in selecting the compliance officer and community liaison, a key monitoring position for this settlement agreement. Now, this agreement doesn't contain everything that the Albina Ministerial Alliance coalition for peace and justice wanted. I think we'll hear that confirmed there by their representatives today, but I think it also represents real progress in the city working with the AMA to get this work done. I welcome the AMA's continued vigilance and their partnership. As the police commissioner, and as a mayor, I reiterate my commitment to continue this work with the -- on the use of force and taser policies, two on ending the 48-hour rule. On best practices to review police shooting decisions. To make up a behavioral health unit oversight committee, and look to ways that we can make those meetings public even while we keep required confidentiality for people's medical records, and, 5th, to make sure that transparency and accountability are part of all of our decisions. I will personally continue to meet regularly with the coalition. The next meeting is in September. Again, this is a process. But this is a very important mile stone in this process and I very much appreciate the coalition's advocacy and their willingness to be here today with this proposed agreement. Let me bring up -- we have six people that we want to call as, I think a couple of panels. We will start with -- our city attorney working on this. State representative Lew Frederick, and Pastor Knutson, who is one of the representatives here from the AMA coalition from peace and justice. We have -- since we don't have that many chairs, let's bring the first three up, please. Thank you for your patience. Thank you for being here today. I would like to extend the courtesies and give representative Fredrick the opportunity to speak first, if you would like to do that.

**Lew Fredrick:** Thank you very much, mayor. I appreciate that. Thank you very much. I am very pleased to see this take place. It is a step along a path. It is not the end. And, in fact, what is most important for me, although we have the language, we have the agreement, we haven't seen the action yet, and I think what's more important for me, I'm looking forward to seeing what the coalition does to monitor how well things are going on a regular basis. We have that as an issue. I will say that it begins the process. I think that process needs to also address issues related to the militarism of the police force. I think that process needs to address issues regarding recruitment and retention. We haven't really done that. And I think that process needs to also address something that I tried to present before the -- the state legislature and what I will continue to present it, and that is a regular psychological evaluation of police. Not just when they are first

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hired, but something that happens on a regular basis. Because in my experience, talking with police officers, they can tell you the worst experience that they had, but it didn't affect them. And the fact is, that it does affect them. We need to have some way of making sure that those folks get a chance to talk with someone who is a professional to deal with some of those issues. We haven't done that yet. I want to also speak to one other basic issue, and that is an issue of fear. What I find is that there is a sense of fear both within the community and a sense of fear on force. And they are regularly supported and encouraged. This is a -- this is an issue that I run into personally. I've said this a couple of times. When I see blue lights in the back of -- in my mirror, I immediately think am I going to die today? That's how I -- that's how I deal with that situation. Since I got stopped once a year by the Portland police, I had my stop apparently because of a pole light in my taillight in the middle of a nice beautiful day like today about three months ago. I'm always aware of that situation. And that fear is there for me on a regular basis. Fear is also there in terms of the officers. In many cases, they are told on a regular basis, not just be careful out there, as the old television show used to put it, but be really afraid of what might be taking place around you. And that fear and my fear always seem to escalate any situation before you can have an encounter at all. These are the issues that we need to begin to address as well beyond the more bureaucratic and institutional things that are being suggested in this particular proposal. So, that's what I would like to find us begin to work with and I'm concerned about that. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you very much. [applause]

**Hales:** Thanks for your leadership on this and other issues. We appreciate it. Perhaps --

**Fredrick:** I'm going to have to leave. I have a noon thing.

**Hales:** We appreciate your patience and thank you for staying and being here.

**Ellen Osoinach, Deputy City Attorney:** I am the deputy city attorney in your office assigned to work on matters related to the department of justice settlement agreement. And so that's why I'm here today to provide you with just a little background and context about the collaborative agreement that you see before you today. I'd like to begin by thanking the other attorneys with whom I negotiated this agreement. Models of professionalism to work with. And Ashley and Shauna who represent the ama coalition. Represented their clients in an exemplary fashion. It has been a long day. I'll just jump to the collaborative agreement itself. The first thing you will note is the title of the agreement is a collaborative agreement. Collaborate means to work jointly with others. That captures the spirit of this agreement. I want to highlight three paragraphs in particular in the collaborative agreement that describe the city's commitments and that would be paragraphs 10, 11 and 13. In paragraph 13, city has agreed to post information related to the usdoj settlement agreement in one location on the city's web site. Paragraph 10 and 11 clarify two important components of the settlement agreement. In paragraph 10, city commits to providing an opportunity for the ama coalition, in particular, as well as the general public to participate in the process the city adopts for selecting candidates for the compliance officer and community liaison. Perform the important function of analyzing the city's compliance with the usdoj settlement agreement. Paragraph 11, city authorized it adopt a different process -- an advisory group made of 15 voting members and it is referred to in the usdoj settlement agreement. The mission to assess doj implementation, make recommendation to the city and council on additional actions, advise the mayor and Portland police bureau on strategies to improve community police relations and to provide doj related information to the community. Five members of that 15 member board come from the community at large and the settlement agreement specifies a process by which we would select those members. But what the collaborative agreement does is allow the city in conjunction with the united states and the ama coalition to adopt a different process for electing those members and commissioner Fritz has I think additional information for you all. I would like to conclude my comments by thanking mayor Hales for your leadership. It is wonderful to have a client who gives such clear guidance and has such a direct vision. I'd like to thank commissioner Fritz for your

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ongoing commitment and guidance that you've given and of course both of your staffs who have been wonderful in supporting the work that i've been doing, so thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you. Welcome, nice to have you here. Might want to call joanne to come up and join you since she's also here representing the coalition. And dan handelman as well. And becky straus from the aclu.

**Rev. Mark Knutson:** Thank you. Rev. Mark Knutson, senior paster from Augustana Lutheran church member of the albino ministerial alliance coalition and long time member of albino ministerial alliance. I'll be reading from our statement, rev dr Leroy haines, chair of our coalition is not able to be here today, neither is rev dr tlm bethel, president of albino ministerial alliance. I do just want to underscore an historical fact. The ama, albino ministerial alliance has been in Portland since the early 1950's, having grown out of the African American churches in this city. Today a multi-cultural organization strongly based out of the african American congregations and community. So, a long history of working for civil rights, justice, reforms, police, and otherwise. And so glad to be here today. The coalitions put together at various times, current ama coalition for justice and police reform as you know, was assembled after the shooting of aaron campbell. We came up with five demands, one of them the department of justice inquiring investigations and practices reporting police bureau. This agreement today comes out of that process to date. I think you're well aware of the other four demands. And the coalition is made out of many community-based organizations and individuals. Let me share from our statement around this. First mayor hales and members of the city's staff and others, in the department of justice, we appreciate this moving forward in this collaborative agreement. We know this is a step on the way. We are running the marathon for which we cannot see the finish line yet but we know we are in a process together to have an accountable, transparent police department, a peace-keeping serving agency in the city. Let me read from the statement. The albina ministerial alliance coalition -- albina ministerial alliance coalition for justice and police reform has entered into this collaborative agreement with the city of Portland, u.s. Department of justice, and the department of justice suit against the city alleging the Portland police bureau engaged in excessive force against individuals with mental health issues. This collaborative agreement, preserves the ama coalition's role as a zealous advocate for true police reform and ensures the community that the ama coalition will be a continuing presence for oversight and accountability in Portland. Chair of the ama coalition, dr. Leroy Haynes, states we are moving in the right direction and are cautiously optimistic that changes will take place. The ama coalition has long advocated for a culture shift in the Portland police bureau, to one of true accountability, transparency and oversight. Toward these ends the Ama coalition became a part of the suit after its motion to intervene in the case which set forth several areas in which the proposed settlement agreement did not go far enough in reforms. Court ruled on the motion by granting the ama coalition enhanced amicus friend of the court status in this suit. The coalition recognizes the proposed settlement agreement negotiated and entered into by the city and department of justice presents the opportunity for systematic change within the Portland police bureau. As such Ama coalition agreed not to object to the entry of the proposed settlement agreement but continue to work hard to ensure the reforms of the agreement are as effective as possible. The ama coalition however maintains the concerns raised in the initial comments and proposed settlement agreement as outlined in this motion to intervene. These concerns include deficiencies and the Portland police bureau's use of force, less lethal force, community input into police training, the citizen review committee's deferential standard of review and oversight into officer-involved shootings and deaths and coalition maintains the concerns that the settlement agreement did not eliminate the practice of providing 48 hour notice before use of force and abuse with involved officers. The collaborative agreement gives ama coalition a role in the process of selecting a compliance officer, community liaison, and community advisory board to oversight roles and implementation with the settlement agreement with the department of justice. This

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collaborative agreement before you aids community-wide oversight, by requiring city will do it its best to provide the public with adequate notice of implementation of the agreement and its progress towards reaching the agreement's goals.

We urge you to pass this agreement today. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you. Dan.

**Dan Handelman:** Good morning. Dan handelman with Portland cop watch. I'm a member of the steering committee of the ama coalition for justice and police reform. I'm reflecting some of the points that we discussed as a coalition, and adding some points coming from Portland cop watch as an organization. One thing that we talked about is transparency. Transparency is very important. The chief in the agreement with the doj is supposed to ask for input on directives from the general public, bhu, advisory committee that talked about mr. Mayor, the bureau -- behavioral health unit was created without any public discussion, and the advisory board appointed and the members names were not made public. It meets in private. Decisions including the decision to have officer burton, who was involved in the death of james chase, be one of the people in the mobile crisis car was not subject to public discussion or review. We are looking forward to some kind of opening up of that process. Anybody who has seen 'alien boy' knows what a person might think who has mental illness and sees officer burton approach them from a mental health car, sees his name tag and knows what he was involved in previously. We are not sure that was the best decision. Anybody who has seen alien boy also knows that there is a pattern of practice of police use of force against people with mental illness or who appear to have mental illness. There is no question of that. Unarmed people like James chase, or people carrying phone handle like merle hatch or carrying crafts knife like jack Collins, or people with an aluminum push rod from a door in a mental hospital, like jose mejia, the judge will see this pattern, i'm sure. Even without the court entering an agreement, the coab not being appointed yet, we can still find a way to involve the public and do as much of this stuff with public discussions instead of having things develop and then announce to the community and then having concerns like this raised afterwards. [applause]

**Handelman:** So, the agreement allows for the coalition to come back in a year and talk again with the city. We hope this is an ongoing discussion as -- as it gets implemented. And another example is that the money for police force which was cut from the budget and reinstated after a small percentage of the population offered up some funds, there is likely a larger percentage of the population who would like to see more oversight, more than what is described in the doj agreement. We would like to see that kind of thing move forward. We have been asking as Portland cop watch and coalition to see the ppa contract negotiations take place in a public setting. We have been asking since august when that was going to start. The mediation is over. As evidenced by this agreement happening. We're hoping that all of the discussions now can happen in a public place. We support the right of people who collectively bargain for fair wages and benefits, but we're -- things get tripped up is when it starts to set public policy, and that is what happens with the ppa agreement. The doj agreement talks about the ipr, oversight body, doing meaning full investigations but it doesn't spell out what that means. This is an example of something that may affect the collective bargaining details but not the right of the ppa to collectively bargain. We are hoping that that means that the judge will move forward with the settlement agreement without tying it up with the bargaining process. I had a couple of other thoughts, but I think the main thing is that the training policy and culture of the Portland police needs to change. We need to have the citizens and police all go home safe at night. I think that's what everybody wants and you can't order citizens to be polite and stay off the sidewalk but you can order police who are public servants to unlearn racism, to rely less on force and to treat everyone with respect and dignity. [applause]

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**Jo Ann Hardesty:** Good afternoon, mayor, city council members. For the record, my name is joanne, and I am here today to speak in favor of the agreement between the department of justice, the albina ministerial alliance coalition, and the city of Portland. We've come along way in what has been a very should I say challenging process to get to this agreement that we will all be signing today. As you said in the beginning, mayor, there certainly is some -- we still have some concerns and some questions and we will continue to provide input and advocacy around the issues that we think we have not moved far enough. Dan mentioned, and the reverend mentioned the 48-hour rule. Even the department of justice said nowhere else in the country do people get 48 hours before they have to give a statement. I encourage each of you to make sure that there is not another union contract where that is a part of the ppa's contract. [applause] I think the other thing is most of you were here during the last ppa contract talks. And i'm going to give an example about the -- what the public thinks they get and then what they really get in reality. And so I sat through the last public ppa contract talks as a member of the public, I thought it made common sense to give police a bonus for being physically fit. And so when I sat and heard that police were going to have to meet some fitness criteria, as a member of the public, I thought that means that less people will get shot because police will be in shape and they will actually be able to chase people as compared to shooting people. Imagine my surprise a few months later when I read in the Oregonian that every single police officer got \$823 for having their blood pressure taken and their finger pricked. That was pretty appalling. I hope that you will correct that egregious error that came from the last contract while we were in contract talks this time. I want to complement you, mayor, because with your leadership, and -- being in your office, I for the first time in a long time feel like there is someone at the top levels of government paying attention to what's taking place in the Portland police bureau. I want to thank you for having the right people in the right positions to move this agreement forward. I also want to thank commissioner Fritz for her leadership and actually taking on oversight of the implementation of this settlement agreement. I want you to -- I want to also share that i'm a little weary about where we will ultimately be with that settlement agreement. Mr. Mayor, you weren't here, but the public had very little input into the initial settlement agreement, and in fact, there was a new copy showed up the day the city council was voting on it. That's how little opportunity the members of the public had to really review and understand the settlement agreement. At some point, judge simon is going to implement a community fairness hearing. That will be the first time many members of the public will have an opportunity to weigh in on whether or not what was proposed by the last city council makes sense today as far as the settlement agreement is concerned. I'm also concerned that we keep hearing reports that a whole lot of changes have already happened. Don't worry about it. We fixed it. We put this in place. We put all of these other policy decisions in place and we fixed the problems within the Portland police bureau. I want you to know that i'm concerned that we are telling the public that somehow we're fixing problems before the settlement agreement has been filed with the federal court and we don't have the community oversight mechanism in place to ensure that what we're being told has been fixed, has truly been fixed. I want to thank you for the opportunity that the court's gave the ama coalition to be a part of this effort and I want to thank you, mayor and commissioner Fritz for your willingness to meet with us regularly and to really hear the community's concerns as we move forward to build a police department that actually serves the community with community police officers. Thank you. [applause]

**Hales:** Thank you. Welcome.

**Becky Straus:** Thank you. Mayor hales, commissioners, nice to be here this morning. My name is becky straus. I'm here on behalf of the aclu of Oregon. We're here in support of this collaborative agreement. As the city engages in negotiations over the last year or so to draft the settlement agreement, you all know that we in our coalition partners were involved at every stage to the greatest extent that we could be. We submitted comments both to council and in written

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form to advocate for an agreement that had any foreseeable chance of bringing true and monumental reform to the Portland police bureau. At the time that the council approved the settlement agreement last november, we did support the agreement and believe it be a great opportunity for change, but also raised a handful of concerns, among them being that we thought the agreement should mandate a complete overhaul of the officer accountability system rather than tinker around the edges as we feel that some of the reforms did instead. And also that the agreement did not go far enough to ensure that moving forward, communities in Oregon particularly communities of color in Oregon are engaged in the work of the reform and policies that guide the bureau going forward. There were some concerns. We had others, and we raised those at the time. And since this ama agreement right now takes some steps to address some of those concerns, and push us further, take some positive steps towards addressing what we believe to be some of the initial shortcomings in the settlement agreement. Granted they don't solve all of those problems but take some important steps towards addressing them. Formalized collaboration mandated by the agreement helps bring more transparency to the work of the bureau and involves Portland community members, again, particularly community of color who we see are impacted by a lot of the work of the bureau. It's wonderful to see that this agreement does seem to acknowledge that any successful reform absolutely cannot happen with the transparency, without the transparency and the involvement that the collaborative agreement is prioritizing. I want to note that we appreciate the collaboration with our coalition partners and I agree with everything that is being said. Up until now, I think, with one exception. As we move forward we have to strike a fine balance between waiting for the court to carry through its process of reworking the settlement agreement, which we are seeing now as delayed even more. And moving forward already with some of the things that we can do without the formal approval from the court. We're seeing from the police bureau, I believe, reports that they are moving forward. They certainly moved forward with revising the use of force policies and I believe that is part of the new training and the chief can correct me if that is not correct. A new web site posted since we've been here this morning at council as a clearing house for a lot of the information that's happening with the settlement agreement. Those are things and among many others that we can do now without the formal approval of the settlement agreement from the court to start moving this forward. With the exception of the police union, everyone here in Portland is ready to see the show get on the road and we're ready to be a part of that. Thank you.

**Hales:** Council members, questions.

**Fish:** I have a question. Aclu just testified that they would like us to move forward with the terms of the settlement agreement, even though there is still an underlying controversy. Joanne raised a caution flag about moving forward with certain things without adequate oversight. Can you give us an example of a couple of things where the city is moving forward and you have a concern? I'm not sure whether your concern is that we're moving forward or that there is in your view inadequate oversight in whatever we're moving forward on?

**Hardesty:** Mr. Mayor, commissioner Fish, it's the latter. My concern is if there is no community oversight, which is really one of the primary components of the department of justice settlement agreement, if the community oversight process is not in place, then we're just taking the chief's word that he's doing what he says he's doing, and I don't have confidence that that would be so.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Okay. Thank you.

**Fritz:** Can I take the opportunity to ask all four of you, would you be comfortable with the enhanced community participation process that we're going to put in place, including the ama? Is it your feeling that moving ahead with starting the process, hiring the community oversight officer, is a good thing to do while we're waiting for the settlement agreement to be done?

**Hardesty:** Mr. Mayor, commissioner Fritz, I think we have to have the community oversight piece in place. I was not recommending that we wait until the federal court's act before we could

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actually start the process of making the changes we know we need to make. But, again, my concern is that if -- let's just say they're saying 50% of the changes have already been made, if there is no community engagement process that is double checking that data, then the public will have no confidence that we have made the strides that we say we want to make.

**Fritz:** So getting the oversight officer in place is key.

**Hardesty:** Absolutely key.

**Straus:** If I may, thank you, mayor hales and commissioner Fritz. I absolutely agree with those comments. And I think among our concerns that I didn't mention before during the pendency of the settlement agreement before council was this issue of whether there is an independent monitor with the authority of the court to take the issue back to the court, if we're not seeing the appropriate implementation is happening through the city and the bureau. As we wait -- we are still lacking that accountability. I think it is a great step here to see a little more formalized accountability through the community and the citizen oversight process. But certainly, and I'm not advocating for not moving forward, but as we move forward with the very long list of things mandated by the settlement agreement, when we don't see those things happening, there isn't any mechanism to ensure that they do. That is why ultimately we do need the approval of the court to at least give us a little bit of that. But I think we should be moving forward.

**Fritz:** Reverend Knutson, do you have a comment?

**Knutson:** I think we have to have the oversight in place in order to see the results. A number of things outside of the agreement that we will continue to work with, with city and police department, diversification of the police force for sure, things like that. There is a lot of things before us. This is a key step. I think the oversight really is crucial.

**Fritz:** Mr. Handelman.

**Handelman:** Collaborative agreement sets forth a process to change the terms of the doj agreement itself, which gives me and my organization hope that we can do things like put the -- other things in place without the court approving it. Certainly those are among some of the things that we hope will happen without the court's approval.

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor if I may explain for folks at home and others who haven't been party to these negotiations, a little more about the reference in the ordinance on the council coordinating committee with my colleagues on my council and the auditor, we recognized that all six elected officials in Portland are responsible for both oversight and implementation and improvement of this system. I have been coordinating with the participation of everyone in the council offices and auditor's office, a committee that has been meeting to look at what is, what should be, and how we move forward in a very open and transparent manner. The next step that I see having heard your comments to the question that I just posed, is that we -- I will be bringing to council in a couple of weeks a proposal to do a different way of hiring the community oversight liaison officer than the city would normally use. Normally we put out a request for proposals to say what it is that you are going to do. Settlement will say what it is that this person is going to do in oversight. What we will probably do is put out a request for resumes which will give us a selection advisory committee which we will be putting together with community organizations insight in how to do the 30-day public review process, how do select the three candidates who will be out for the council to choose one of those candidates, and every step of the way, we are going to be doing this. Bringing these to council one at a time so that everybody can comment so that we know what's going on. Both people who are paying attention, which I really appreciate the four of you, the amount of time that you have put into this as have all of your colleagues and my colleagues on the council as well so that everybody in the general public knows that this is why we're doing, because to me, that is how we're going to improve trust. Representative Frederick talked about reducing fear, the fear of the community and the fear of the police. And that is a step beyond the greater goal that we

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need to be able to trust our police. Our police need to be able to trust the community. That we are working together collaboratively. Thank you very much for the work that you have been doing.

**Hales:** Thank you. Any other questions.

**Saltzman:** I don't know if it is a question. Maybe it is a question to commissioner Fritz and the mayor. When will we have a community oversight person and the board up and running? I've had my nominee for six months waiting to go. I hear you say get those people in place, yet I'm hearing you, commissioner Fritz, with all due respect, outlining a process that probably will eclipse the federal judge hearing.

**Fritz:** No, it's not.

**Saltzman:** We will have somebody in place mid-september --

**Fritz:** I can't give you a specific time -- the community oversight board members will stay as specified in the federal court agreement, including five, one of whom is appointed by each member of council. But the agreement also specifies that the oversight liaison officer should be in place before the advisory board is seated. So, we need to do things according to the settlement agreement. Expediently and now that we've got this agreement in place, with three of the four parties -- let's be very clear, four parties that were involved in the federal court case. Three of us, department of justice, the albino ministerial alliance and city of Portland have come to agreement on this collaborative agreement on this process forward. Portland police association has not and that is why we are still going to be in federal court. But we need to make sure that we do every step of the settlement as is outlined in the settlement.

**Saltzman:** Give me a time line when we will have a community oversight person hired?

**Fritz:** Well, I'm going to bring -- I can do that when I bring back the ordinance on how to -- how to advertise that position.

**Hales:** I hear your urgency. I think that's a matter of weeks and a few months, not anywhere near as long as the now year-long horizon to when judge Simon actually takes the case up again.

**Saltzman:** Weeks until --

**Fritz:** You know as well as I do, national advertising to get the right people to get a wide range of folks to apply, can't be done in two weeks.

[audience interruption]

**Hales:** Hey, hey, stop, please.

**Fritz:** We will be doing the process and then we will be --

**Saltzman:** We've known we needed such a person for months.

**Hales:** I guess, frankly, I have been focused on this agreement and we're spending a lot of time on the union negotiation. Wish us luck there. And I'm looking for opportunities, including that one, that is of the board and the liaison to start putting pieces of this settlement agreement in place without a court order and without a union contract as well. These are all operating, as far as I'm concerned, on parallel tracks and we will get to things as quickly as we can. Some of them, frankly the union contract being one of them, are going to take longer.

**Saltzman:** I realize that. My focus is on the community oversight officer and board.

**Hales:** Point taken.

**Saltzman:** We're hearing from them these are essential agreement --

**Hardesty:** Mayor, commissioner Saltzman, I would say that we as the community thought that the settlement agreement would have been filed with the federal court by now. That we would all have clear direction about where we were moving. The federal courts decided mediation should -- we should try mediation. We did that for some months. And so now we're moving forward understanding that ultimately whether it is this year or next year, the settlement agreement will be filed. Understanding that immediately we've got to start making changes in the police department that we have. And, three, that the community, whether or not there is an advisory board, is paying attention to how this process rolls out. And, so, I appreciate taking the time to get someone who

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cannot just work with the police, but have expertise in working with community members as well. Because it has to be someone who will be trusted across those different venues. And you can't get that person in a couple of weeks. You have to spend some time.

**Hales:** Thank you all. We have public testimony, but before we get to that, the chief and his staff are here and we want to give chief reese a chance to come up and address any of the points of this that you would like to and also respond to council discussion so far in this hearing. Doj is here as well. They're not, I think, empowered to testify at this point. But they're here as a resource. Good afternoon.

**Chief Michael Reese, Bureau of Police:** Thank you mayor and commissioners. The Portland police bureau -- I want to thank members of the ama justice coalition, department of justice, working hard over the last several months on this settlement agreement. Even though the signed agreement has not been adopted by the court, I believe we have a moral and ethical obligation to proceed forward with the reforms. We want to provide the best possible care for people in crisis. The police bureau has continued to move forward and design new policies with the support of the department of justice and community input. And internal input. Policy changes include having supervisors respond and investigate all incidents involving the use of physical force, developing a new behavioral health unit, improve systems of accountability, force policies and taser policies. I want to let you and the community know that we have doj-related information now in one place on our web site. It went live today. If the community is interested in reform measures that we're taking and where we're at in that process, you can go through a link at [Portlandpolice.com](http://Portlandpolice.com). And there is a tab for the doj and you can pull down some of this information. We know that while these measures are ongoing, we're not claiming success. We're claiming improvement. It will be the community liaison and the community oversight board that will look at the reform measures and say yes, you've met the mark or, no, you haven't and there is work still to be done. I invited commander sara westbrook to come up and talk just briefly about the process that they went through in both selection of the unit, officers, design of the program and community oversight board. Within the behavioral health unit, community advisory board, and advisory council, citizen oversight over the process as we go through the reform training. Thank you.

**Hales:** Good afternoon.

**Commander Sarah Westbrook, Bureau of Police:** Good afternoon. We started meeting as soon as we created our behavioral health unit. And we -- what we did is went through the community and selected folks who from different communities who would have different points of view so that we could make sure that we were hearing from as many eclectic perspectives as we could. There are two people from the police bureau on the board currently, and that would be lieutenant and me that represent sworn staff. Our mental health professional in the police bureau. We also have our newly hired coordination team coordinator, who will now be sitting on that. We have representative from the national alliance on mental illness. A representative from boac, a representative from the jail. We have two consumers. We have others from the volunteers from america. We just changed to a new representative, kathleen roy, from central city concern. From cascadia, we have bill osborn from Multnomah county behavioral health, he represents the commitment to process and helps us understand what's happening on that world, and dan friedman, from disability rights Oregon. And the purpose of our group and what we have been doing so far, we meet and we're discussing per the agreement, is to discuss about the training that our cit officers, enhanced cit officers are receiving. At the beginning, they watched our enhanced cit officer training that we put on, and also becoming more and more involved in just what's happening within the police bureau training regarding how it is integrated into the advanced academy, and -- with what our future training will be. So, it's been good dialogue and they have been good partners for us. I'm not sure if you had any questions. I wanted you to know that it wasn't some small group. We figured that everybody would agree that we have some folks

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together who have opinions and state them clearly and want to create the best train that we can -- best training that we can for our police officers.

**Saltzman:** Is this the group that oversees the behavioral health unit and training function?

**Reese:** Two separate training committees. A group that -- working on -- worked the behavioral health unit, policies and practices and training specific to our interaction with people with mental health issues.

**Fritz:** Commander westbrook, you gave the names on the behavioral advisory committee, can that be posted on the site?

**Westbrook:** I believe they can.

**Fritz:** I will put a link to that site on my front page because again, we want people to know about it. My understanding from what you just said the majority of the citizens -- of the people on that committee are not city or county employees. The majority are community members.

**Westbrook:** Right.

**Hales:** Thank you. Other questions for the chief or the commander? Thanks very much.

**Reese:** Thank you.

**Hales:** Thanks. Public testimony.

**Moore-Love:** Yes, we have eight people signed up. Would the first four please come on up.

**Hales:** I will be right back. Go ahead.

**Fritz:** That's fine. Thank you. I forgot who was first.

**Benjamin Pickering:** I have a few things, I have been listening to this. And I have -- I have a few things. You know, you've got the forces out there, tactics that people get -- forces out there, and you know you have loved ones out there fighting for their loved ones out there, you know, and you've got -- and they do, you know, they come back from the war, the stage where you -- you know, but, I mean, you know, I just want to bring it to your attention. I said, you know, the cops -- I didn't mean to say it like it was all cops are bad. This and that. They are just out there doing their job. They think they're doing the best thing for everybody. It's cool, community, keeping the streets safe, call in, whatever, what not. But there has to be work on people's skills too. I want to bring to your attention -- can I get a drink of water? Anyway, you know, it always occurs to people with something that they don't know. And they -- about community, you know, sharing, and, you know, knowing that -- this is america. It is not just here. Everybody needs to work on people skills. You know, lots to develop. We were all kids at once. We all bicker and play, you know, touch football, you know, and you have sports, playing softball, whatever the deal is.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Can I interrupt you?

**Pickering:** Police brutality, it is pretty crazy out there. Stories that i've heard. Pretty crazy. Kids and sons out there and daughters and everybody, loved ones, but for the most part, police brutality, you know, I don't know how to say or -- i'm on disability. I don't have a job. But affirming what I believe in is, you know, everybody -- everybody child at heart. But I mean, sometimes, you know, your own actions, you don't know if it is the right thing to do. It could traumatize somebody who has been traumatized or hurt abused or someone who has been raped or someone out there and deal with things that they deal with. But to put your hands on them, throwing them up and making it worse -- radical, I mean -- you know. Thinking that, you know, I heard from the people, and things that i've dealt with. Out there, they have to know about that passion and that love and that faith and believing in that you guys are -- all you are because we are -- we already are -- we're acting like child this and this and bickering back and forth and we aren't getting no where. The point, to stand up, let's see what someone has to say once in a while you might get somewhere. You know, I just have a few things to say. I'm not getting started yet. This is my first speech anyway. Go ahead.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Pickering:** 11 years old, being the biggest kid in town and not being a bully.

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**Hales:** Thank you. Go ahead.

**Joe Walsh:** Joe walsh, I represent individuals for justice. We're in agreement and support -- however, we do have concerns. Let me tell you the story. Yesterday when you were moving all of the houseless people off of the front lawn and your driveways and sidewalks, there is a religious person -- i'm not going to use his name, decided he was not going to move and he was going to challenge the police. Just had a heart attack recently. To give up some of his liberties so that the rest of us could enjoy what we call democracy. And I decided to go -- I would not let him go alone. We were arrested. We were taken down to the justice department and set in the receiving room. They come out about two hours later and said to us -- we're not going to charge you or anything, you're free to go. The two officers acted from the time we went to the justice department, acted very professional, and it's exactly, mayor, where you want to go with your police department. They knew who I was. Knew I was an activist. But they were -- they knew that -- they were professional. Exactly where you want to go. The problem is I asked myself the question. Would they have treated me the same way if I was a man of color? And I don't know the answer to that question. And neither did the -- you white guys up there. You need to talk to your staff who may be a person of color, and learn from them. Because I learned from people like joanne and other people that it is exactly where you want to go. You can build all of the structure that you want. You can have all of the committees you want. If you don't have the goodwill and the professionalism in your police department, nothing you do is going to change that. And the chief has got to understand that. And if those two officers that I met yesterday, that one incident, because I admit -- I have met some police that really were not nice. That is where you want to go. That's what you are going to strive for. And it is a win-win. You get the activists off your back and you also have community spirit and we need to trust our police department and, boy, we've got a long way to go. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Tequilah:** This is my signature other, joe, and I just want to say that -- you know how I go, I just start rumbling and whatever, but i'm going to keep my cool. The officers in the room right now, I pretty much -- I had conversations with all of them. And to me, I don't like that, you know, they're -- they're professional. Never give a problem. Very talkative, community friendly, I would say, but the ones that are getting the complaints, they don't have to sit in this room and hear us criticize and everything else because to me why would a good police officer tell on a bad police officer who's doing these crimes when they know they will just be hired back and be the snitch of the department. I just wanted to say my son has been diagnosed with fetal alcohol syndrome. He had plenty of problems in the past, even with the police department, with himself, going unchecked. He we was released from custody, unable to aid to assist. He has a low iq. This morning on the sidewalk he received—from one of the bad ones, I won't mention his name, that knows his condition, gave him a pedestrian zone because his blanket was an inch off of the sidewalk at wells fargo. And the paper, it says warning, to me it says warning, here we go again. And right here on the back, number 2, unable to comply due to physical and mental incapacitation. If he has a low iq and everything and they know everything and they know what I have been through and they still pick him. We have had this big ordeal over a trespass 2 ticket over this picking and picking. To me this is the wrong path. This is not going to be good. I just want to know, homeless due to no faults of our own. Bureaucracy knows my name, you know this, and pretty much for the past year -- you know usually I clean up my mess. I want to know before I leave because it's very hard to find an apartment here I want to know if you can help the homeless. Basically I need some references and I want to see if one of the board members that knew me for over a year or chief reese can write me a reference for an apartment.

**Hales:** Thanks for coming. We'll get you connected to services.

**Tequilah:** We got a card.

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**Fritz:** I don't know that us writing you a reference would be of assistance in that case. If you want to stop by my office I have a copy of the rose city resource guide. The mayor said we can help you.

**Tequilah:** Your references will let me off the hook I'm pretty sure it can help. Knowing me for a while, you know I don't cause too much trouble.

**Joel Sievers:** We don't need a recovery center. We're just trying to find a trailer, an apartment somewhere.

**Tequilah:** The references say they clean up their mess --

**Sievers:** \$250 bucks a month --

**Hales:** Probably more valuable than a reference from one of us. Thanks for coming. We'll get you connected to services.

**Tequilah:** Thank you. I'll have a talk with you, amanda. That's what I need.

**Hales:** Thank you all.

**Hales:** Mary, are you ready? Go ahead.

**Mary Eng:** Great to see you guys, city council. Okay, I have a ton of ideas so we're going to go really fast. Hang on to your hats. We need diversity acceptance movement. It seems like mental illness is this word anybody can bandy about anyone they don't like. People they disagree with. There is neurodiversity acceptance movement overtaking the word primarily because many of the activists are highly talented writers and thinkers. Why do we have to be called disabled? Why do we have to be called mentally ill? It's time to have a cool connotation in some circles. I want you to think about that neurodiversity. I want to invite you to my birthday party. If I gave my address would I be killed like nancy or jamie? I want to invite the whole city to my birthday party. We have one vegan cake so far. 6313 southwest 92 avenue, Portland, Oregon 97266. Come to my party tonight at 7:00 and meet my charming sister and find out about her dress blog. If you want to be my boyfriend you gotta pay.

**Hales:** Mary, could you stick to the issue in front of us?

**Eng:** In may, surgery reversal. Police should not be allowed to reverse eye surgery without obtaining medical records and consent. Historically black colleges, we need historically black colleges. We need to make history now. I went to an historically black college. Look it up. It's important. We're going to paper the council, then the judge, then the council, then we're going to pay for the victims. When are we going to work together? We need less pejorative terms for everyone. Everyone including our magnificent joe walsh need to be on their best behavior appeared we really need to work together. Some of us are anti-psychiatry. Do you consider this mentally ill? Will they be locked up by the people who tried to force drug the memories of police brutality from benjamin pickerring's mind? We have police therapy. We need police to have saunas, spas, yoga, massage, child care, support group, family leave, paternity leave. We need police who are holistic toward their own health and well-being so they don't take it out on blind, disabled or african-american citizens. We need sign language and blind accessible, braille, audio tape. I want sign interpreters right there. We could turn around the nation with some leadership here in Portland.

**Hales:** Thank you. Go ahead. Who is next? Put your name into the record and let us know what you would like to say.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** I was just going in the order we were called.

**Hales:** You go ahead then.

**Barry Joe Stull:** I'm barry joe stull. I have been working on police accountability issues for quite some time. I guess we could find some evidence of that if we did an internet search of my name and we got past all those booking photos as I referenced in my earlier testimony for this rasp. That's an insanity of this rash of arrests. One of the points that I raised when I was invited to be a pacific green party candidate running for state office through one of the colleagues of mine who did a statement was stall is not a career politician posturing for your vote. He fearlessly tackles government and racist police corruption head on. That was in the year 2000. So not quite 14 years

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ago, but it's getting there. In the meantime I met with police commissioner Saltzman in private room, one other person who was patrick nolan. I get along quite well with the police. A years ago this time, however, on the 18th of july, I was informed by a Portland police officer that the word is amongst the police that i'm a person that's mentally ill and I threatened to kill a police officer. That's pretty scary. What's scary was that my social worker at the Multnomah county health department and my colleagues thought the police were going to kill me. It's in my records with the health department that they were afraid of death by cop. One of the reasons that i'm such a gadfly is that on september 1, 2003, sergeant then officer, knocked on my door and his partner completed the police report and he noted the subject of steven dons, apparently in a shoot-out with Portland police in the 1990s and died in custody as a person that was paralyzed over here in the justice center. Officer sery went out the door and six months later fatally shot and killed from unarmed black motorist james perez. Some of the police officers and other professionals that I interact with, and i'm educated. I have a b.a. In music from lewis and clark college, a got an award from the governor for being an honor student in 1996. My colleagues --

**Hales:** You need to wrap up.

**Stull:** My colleagues are well aware that this is a systemic problem. It's going to take systemic changes. I don't appreciate chief reese characterized me as a person with a mental illness when no health care professional that's actually trained is able to do that, so my concern is that they figuratively shoot from the hip and literally shoot from the hip.

**Hales:** Thank you. Welcome.

**Crystal Elinski:** Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. I got on the list. I'm crystal. Just for clarification for testimony earlier today. I wanted to testify and there wasn't that usually there's an opportunity after the people on the list that you one of you will ask I think it's the mayor asks if anyone else is interested and I thought you guys were talking like asking questions and answering. I didn't know you were making a vote. That's why I was like, wait, wait, what about me. Someone told me just now that works here that you have changed that in the last six months. Is that true?

**Hales:** I don't think so but I may have neglected to ask if there was anyone else. Usually we have a signup sheet. I don't know if it's required but we often ask if there's anyone else who wants to speak so we're trying to give everyone else an opportunity so my apologies.

**Elinski:** Thank you. I was a bit embarrassed. I could try to tie it in with this issue right now. I guess I would have said this morning i'm crystal and I represent 10,000 Portlanders statistically random, this is what lewis and clark does to you. I just have a lot of emotions today because I came to my regular traditional site as I approached this building and the vigil was gone from its space. The sort of energy that has come from it has been really hard on me. Very hard. Hard on the people that have been trying so hard to make this a better place. I don't think that's the way to go. I just saw you last week and I didn't know how I didn't know this was happening. That was like a week ago. How do things change so quickly? I was very happy, in a good mood from listening to you speak, and I just am on this emotional and I wonder -- with all these formalities we're not transparent enough. The Portland police bureau is the epitome of that. In the roles that some of our elected officials and their staff and also a staff member I just met today, the roles you play are ridiculous and are getting us nowhere. They are making it worse. I really hope that you can have some time today before your busy meetings or family issues because I know what family issues are like, steve novick, to stop and think about what people are saying when they come up here in their one time a week to speak to you. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thanks for coming, crystal.

**Elinski:** Today the Portland police bureau has a website. You can go and see that everything is just fine.

**Eng:** Gary mckinnon is the hacker that everyone is talking about. And lunch is at the American grill if anyone has american dollars.

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**Hales:** Thanks very much.

[audience comment inaudible]

**Hales:** We're done. Any further council discussion before we take up the roll call on the ordinance? If not let's have roll call, please.

**Saltzman:** This looks like a good agreement. I want to thank the mayor, the ministerial alliance and department of justice, and I should also acknowledge the city attorneys for their good work on this agreement. Pleased to support it. Aye.

**Fritz:** This is an historic occasion with the albina ministerial alliance and department of justice and the city council coming to agreement on some very challenging issues. I appreciate the leadership of the Portland police bureau and the fact that we're not waiting on things that we don't have to wait on and that we are doing the process carefully and thoughtfully. I appreciate the representative frederick and former state representative joanne hardesty giving their perspectives because indeed there are state and federal issues as well as those at the local level. What i'm particularly pleased about in this agreement is we have taken the time to address some issues and ellen osoinach in the city attorney's office is highly commendable and should be lauded for working both with the department of justice and the court and also with the community. I think that that's an unusual combination perhaps in attorneys to be able to work both inside the courtroom and out. Perhaps one of the joys and challenges of being a city attorney as well as a very accomplished lawyer. Thank you, mayor, for your leadership on this. I know every member of the council is dedicated to getting it right this time. We cannot fail and I said that when we established the office of equity and human rights. We have been through too much as a community and continue to have tragedies, so we cannot fail this time. I'm very committed for the remainder of my term in office to work with the council coordinating committee to work with the community and to do things in a step by step manner which may seem ridiculously slow at times but I often find when you get the process right the product comes out right too. So that's why this agreement, this collaborative agreement is particularly important. I will note that karla moore-love read out the correct language in the title of this ordinance. There were a couple of scrivener's errors and including making sure that we speak about people experiencing mental illness and recognizing as I said with the housing issues that it's one person at a time. Indeed one police officer at a time. Thank joe walsh for taking the time to testify today and give his account of an arrest and a release that went right yesterday. In a very difficult situation again outside city hall our security officers and our police officers have done their best to be respectful and to look out for civil rights for everybody including those coming and going. So thank you, mayor. Aye.

**Fish:** I want to join the comments of my colleagues. Mayor, thank you for your leadership. Commissioner Fritz, thank you for your tireless work. Our jobs are unglamorous but you have taken to it and shown your usual zeal for community process and outreach. Thank you for that. Jo ann, thanks for your tenacity. This is something of a watershed today to have a collaborative agreement to listen carefully to the comments from ama leadership about where we are in a continuum but I think it's important and I know we're sometimes criticized for this it is important to mark progress no matter how slow because progress is towards some goal. We need to come back and mark progress. This is a step forward. I thank you for your leadership in the community. It's been an interesting discussion. Obviously a lot of work ahead. One thing I would ask for follow-up from the bureau is I would like a better understanding of the pieces of the settlement that have been implemented and a better understanding of what is the oversight of those pieces that have been implemented. To the testimony, something on an interim basis that council will want to know more about, what's been implemented and what's the oversight in the interim period to test whether it's actually effective.

**Hales:** It's a good day for peace and justice and for the trust and collaboration that have to be there for those words to be real. I appreciate good work that's been done. Ellen, thank you. To our

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partners at the department of justice, your holding us accountable to a very important piece of work. I look forward to making it real. This is a heavy and important responsibility for me as the commissioner in charge of the police bureau but it's one this council shares and a commitment this council shares. Commissioner Fritz, I particularly appreciate your diligence on this work but this is all of us. This is one of the most important functions of city government and one of the most dangerous. Therefore, we have to all take great care to make sure it's done well, done humanely, with understanding of mental illness, with understanding of the diversity of cultures and people that our police officers will encounter on the street every day. Chief, I appreciate your good work on the team making these ideas real and steady progress. We're here to celebrate not completion but progress and there is real progress and I appreciate it. I think the community does as well. Thank you all. I'm very proud to vote aye.

**Items 724 and 725.**

**Hales:** We have a couple more items left. In fact I want to actually take up the regular agenda with asking that both item 724 and 725 be sent back to my office. [audience inaudible] Hang on, we're doing other things. These need to go back to my office if there's no objection of council. [Item titles read]

**Hales:** If there's no objection by council I'll return those items to my office. Then we have one more item which commissioner Novick has left me instructions for which I think we can take up. That's 726.

**Item 726.**

**Hales:** Rich Newlands is here to give us an exquisitely brief presentation and answer any questions we might have about this.

**Rich Newlands, Bureau of Transportation:** Rich Newlands from the Portland bureau of transportation filling in for the project manager. This is an intergovernmental agreement pb0t and pdc for the final or second phase of the Killingsworth Street improvement plan which you adopted in 2003. It's essentially construction of street scape improvements, sidewalk widening, crossing improvements and the like between North Borthwick and MLK Boulevard.

**Fish:** Well done.

**Hales:** And a thousand community members got involved in this project.

**Newlands:** Long history, yes.

**Hales:** That's a pretty impressive number there. Any questions on this? Anyone else that wants to testify?

**Moore-Love:** I have Meno signed up.

**Hales:** I'm sorry, you have someone signed up?

**Moore-Love:** Yes. Meno.

**Hales:** Not here. Let's take a roll call.

**Saltzman:** Aye. **Fritz:** Thank you for your work. Aye. **Fish:** Aye.

**Hales:** Aye. We are adjourned.

At 1:00 p.m. Council adjourned.